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#### A NEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN DURHAM

Opening today, the [Durham Hotel](#) in North Carolina draws on local talents, from a celebrated chef to an indie record label, breathing new life into a former bank building downtown.

The one-time Home Savings Bank now houses 53 guest rooms that reference the building's midcentury design roots in platform beds and retro light fixtures. The minibar is stocked with locally made goods, blankets were made by Raleigh Denim and complimentary morning coffee, delivered to the rooms, comes from local Counter Culture Coffee. In the lobby, a newsstand includes music from the local label Merge Records.

The chef Andrea Reusing, who is a James Beard Award winner for her Chapel Hill restaurant Lantern, will run the hotel restaurant specializing in regional fare including blue crab and country ham. She will also offer food service on the sixth-floor rooftop lounge, which will have occasional film screenings and concerts.

Rates currently start at \$209 per night and will rise to \$289 by the end of the month when the restaurant is open. Breakfast and room service are currently available.