



## HOTEL NIA NOW OPEN IN SILICON VALLEY

*Autograph Collection Hotels debuts in Menlo Park*



*(Photo credit: McCartan)*

(MENLO PARK, CA; March 29, 2018)— [Hotel Nia](#) (200 Independence Drive Menlo Park, CA) announced its opening today, joining Autograph Collection Hotels' diverse and dynamic portfolio of more than 135 independent hotels that celebrate the founder's passion, thoughtfulness of design, inherent craft and connection with the locale. The hotel offers a new approach to high-end hospitality with intuitive technological innovations, Mediterranean-inspired Californian cuisine, a coffee bar and café, a distinctive pool scene, and more.

An 11-story building of gleaming glass designed by the Cunningham Group, Hotel Nia captures a modernist style accented by organic and natural materials, all custom-designed furniture, and thought-provoking artwork. With 250 guestrooms and nine suites, including the luxurious Nia Suite, the hotel boasts a spacious ambiance featuring a lush courtyard with outdoor gardens, a lively outdoor pool scene, a state-of-the-art fitness center with floor-to-ceiling windows, and numerous indoor or outdoor nooks and spaces, all wired—and wireless—for business.

"Hotel Nia offers what Silicon Valley is missing right now—a hotel with all of the conveniences required by local professionals, combined with elegant, intuitive design elements that appeal to business and leisure travelers visiting the area," says General Manager, Simone Harms. "From our expansive lobby and lounge area, to our Mediterranean restaurant with a California influence, our property

offers guests space to shine, room to think, and environments that promote the freedom to relax."

Driven by the forward-thinking approach of the Silicon Valley, the hotel is outfitted with 12,000 square feet of naturally lit meeting space, much of it with an indoor-outdoor flow. Featuring more than 12 meeting and event venues—including a ballroom, terrace, courtyard, executive boardroom, and more—each space has sleek surroundings, purpose-built to provide guests with hospitality calibrated to innovation in business. Unique features include second-floor meeting rooms with a view and terrace, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open to the hotel's interior courtyard, and artfully designed light fixtures, wallcoverings, and furniture, complimented by elements supporting functionality and creativity.

Additional notable design details for Hotel Nia include the grand staircase, a suspended tree light in the elevator lobby, several full-size horizontal blue doors as a signature hanging element over the restaurant, and individual room number posts in the corridor that interact with a 'do not disturb' system. Virtually every element, including the interior design, furniture, lighting, and related products, is an original work by Colum McCartan of [McCartan Inc.](#)

Bringing the idyllic nature of the Mediterranean to Northern California, the hotel's restaurant [Porta Blu](#) will open in April 2018. An airy, modern space with bold design and a variety of seating areas—including patio seating on the vibrant courtyard—the restaurant is helmed by a fourth-generation chef from France, Executive Chef Eric Cousin, in collaboration with Chef de Cuisine, Michael Riddell, and inspired by the recipes of renowned Chef Joyce Goldstein. Porta Blu will be open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. The menus are paired with hand-crafted cocktails and an inspired beer and wine program featuring selections both from California and the wine producing countries of the Mediterranean.

Select menu items and the full bar are available across the spacious property, including the outdoor bar area and the indoor cabanas and lounge. Guests can also enjoy small bites and Verve coffee at "Café Exclusively by Verve," the café and lounge adjacent to Porta Blu in the lobby of the property.

"We carefully designed our selection of hand-crafted, seasonal cocktails, craft beers, and wines to be in consonance with our Mediterranean-focused menu," says Food & Beverage Director, Roque Medina. "Our wine program offers over 100 labels of regional and globally sourced wines with selections we know the local community will love."

Located between San Jose and San Francisco International Airports and bordered by the San Francisco Bay, the Autograph Collection Hotel is developed by Ensemble Real Estate Investments and AECOM Capital and is operated by Sage Hospitality. To learn more about the Hotel Nia and Porta Blu, or for reservations, visit [hotelnia.com](#), [portablurestaurant.com](#), or follow Hotel Nia on [Facebook](#), Instagram ([@HotelNia](#)), and Twitter ([@HotelNia](#)).

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#### **About Hotel Nia**

An Autograph Collection property in Menlo Park, CA, Hotel Nia welcomes business and leisure travelers to the heart of Silicon Valley. Offering sophistication in both comfort and

tech, the gleaming, 11-story glass building houses 250 rooms, including nine suites, with modernist style accented by organic elements, natural materials, and specially commissioned artwork. The sleek elegance continues throughout expansive, tech-savvy meeting and event spaces, as well as the lobby bar and lounge, Café Exclusively by Verve. The all-day restaurant, Porta Blu, serves California-Mediterranean cuisine celebrating regional ingredients with vibrant, flavorful dishes, craft cocktails, and worldly wines. A lush courtyard, vibrant outdoor pool scene, and state-of-the-art fitness center round out the hotel's offerings. For more information, visit [www.hotelnia.com](http://www.hotelnia.com) or follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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