



'Farm to fork' restaurant planned at Kennebunkport's Hidden Pond

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KENNEBUNKPORT — A new restaurant that plans to use produce grown on site in an 800-square-foot garden, freshly caught seafood, and meats from local sources will open later this spring at Hidden Pond resort in Kennebunkport.

The restaurant, to be called "Earth," is being developed in collaboration with Ken Oringer, a former James Beard award winner who operates several restaurants in Boston, including KO Prime steakhouse, Toro, and La Verdad, inside Fenway Park. This will be his first venture outside the city.

"One of the things that really excites me about Earth is creating menus from ingredients found right outside the kitchen each morning," Oringer said in a statement. "It's all part of creating an authentic experience, serving food of great integrity in a rustic and refreshing atmosphere."

Oringer's menu items will be sourced within a 50-mile radius of the restaurant, according to a news release. Sparrow Arts Farm, Harris Farm and Hidden Pond's neighbor, the Black Rock Farm, are among the local farms that will supply the eatery.

Kevin Walsh has been hired as Earth's executive chef.

"Like Hidden Pond itself, Earth makes the best use of indoor and outdoor spaces. Guests will literally be dining in the chef's garden overlooking a tranquil pond and the roaring firepit," said Tim Harrington, managing director of Kennebunkport Resort Collection, owners and operators of Hidden Pond.

The restaurant's menu will include appetizers such as wood-oven roasted fiddleheads; peekytoe crab toasts with avocado and French cocktail sauce; and fresh picked heirloom radishes with local oysters and salsa verde.

Signature entrées will include cavatelli with fava beans, peas, pecorino and house-made guanciale; wood-roasted local lobster served with green curry butter and grilled lemon; and roasted line-caught black bass with garden herbs, jalapeño and Malabar spinach.

A special "from the garden" section will feature wood-oven roasted heirloom vegetables.

For more information on Earth, visit hiddenpondmaine.com or call 967-9050.