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## Sources: Fairmont Pittsburgh plans to replace restaurant

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The Fairmont Pittsburgh, downtown's most upscale hotel, is preparing to close its restaurant, Habitat, in order to replace it with a new dining option.

Sources familiar with the hotel's plans are being told that Habitat is expected to close in the next few months in order for its space to be remodeled for a new restaurant.

Andrea Stehle, a spokeswoman for the Fairmont, declined to confirm whether Habitat is closing but did say there are changes coming to the restaurant space.

"As the leading luxury hotel in Pittsburgh, we continually assess our offerings in the market. We're very excited about the dining scene in Pittsburgh and being part of its continuous transformation," she said. "There are some changes afoot, and we will be sure to be in touch as soon as we have more details to share."

Still to be determined is the style and new name for the replacement of Habitat, which debuted when the 185-room hotel opened in 2010 as part of Three PNC Plaza, a mixed-use office-condo-hotel building on Fifth Avenue. The timing of the transition still has yet to be fully made public as well.

Located on the hotel's second level above its bar, Andys, Habitat has offered a variety of locally sourced ingredients that complement the Canadian hotel brand's focus on sustainability.

Terri Sokoloff, president of Ross-based Specialty Group, said she wasn't shocked to hear that Habitat was set to be replaced since she believes the menu options were a little narrow for local tastes.

"It was a very creative menu, and their food was very good," she said. "I just felt like the menu didn't have a lot of options for folks who were more of a traditional diner."

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Fairmont Pittsburgh, is No. 23 on the list of the region's largest LEED-certified/"green" projects at 203,400 square feet.