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## Acorn PGH ends 6-year run on Walnut Street in Shadyside

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Acorn, a fine-dining restaurant focused on modern American cuisine, has permanently closed after a six-year run on Walnut Street in Shadyside.

Acorn PGH, which opened in a high-rent location on Walnut Street in 2017 as a fine-dining newcomer to Pittsburgh led by well-regarded professionals from Chicago, has closed permanently after a final weekend of serving up its distinctive menu.

An employee for the restaurant said it has closed for good without providing further details amid various tasks of closing.

The restaurant had announced the closing to the Walnut Street business district around it with a sandwich board thanking the neighborhood for the support.

The restaurant had just issued a "thank you" post on Instagram in February for being voted on Open Table's Top 10 Diners' Choice Fit for Foodies in Pittsburgh among the various recognitions it has received.

It was the kind of restaurant with a fine-dining approach that has been relatively rare on Walnut Street, typically a higher-rent retail district that historically has served as an urban draw for varying national chains and high-end shops.

Terri Sokoloff, principal of Ross-based Specialty Group, a restaurant services firm that's been involved with Acorn, could only provide limited comment on the matter.

But she called the closing a loss for Shadyside and the city's dining scene.

"It's a loss for the street and for people who like a culinary adventure of that level," she said. "It's a shame to lose it. It was a gem."




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