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In mid-June, **~LEVEL III~** will be opening in Union Square's new 337-room JW Marriott San Francisco (formerly the Pan Pacific). It's a stylish freestanding restaurant and lounge on the third floor lobby level. The space will transform into more of a bar vibe in the evening, with a custom cocktail menu by H. Ehrmann of Elixir. There will be a variety of spaces to linger in, from the communal table to the bar, with both high and low seating options, either in the main restaurant or lounge.

Executive chef Ben Mattman and chef Ryan Jette have put together a modern American menu, with bar bites like littleneck clams on the half shell with chorizo and breadcrumbs, saffron seafood chowder, and tempura asparagus. Larger dishes include a lobster club, American Kobe sliders, halibut tacos, and a three-course \$45 menu devised for the pre-theater crowd, available from 5:30pm–10pm. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the menus at Level III will change throughout the day. JW Marriott, 500 Post St. at Mason, 415-771-8600.