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Offices in Oakland's Jack London Square now 90 percent leased

OAKLAND -- Jack London Square in Oakland now has 90 percent of its office space leased following several rental deals in the complex along the downtown's waterfront, the project's developer said.

Separately, The Forge restaurant, in a retail deal in the complex, will open a dining establishment before the end of this month.

The Forge's opening bolsters efforts by developer Ellis Partners to transform Jack London Square into a dining destination.

Hard Candy Cases has leased 4,600 square feet of offices in a relocation from Danville. The company, a startup manufacturer, makes protective cases and other accessories for Apple (AAPL), along with other products. Hard Candy Cases wanted to move to Oakland's waterfront for both lifestyle and recruitment reasons.

Navis, a maker of software for the maritime industry, leased 35,000 square feet for its world headquarters.

"In 2012, Jack London Square continued to be a recognized growth area for the City of Oakland," said Oakland's mayor, Jean Quan.

Besides The Forge, Jack London Square also has attracted new restaurants such as Haven and Bocanova.

"As a reinvigorated waterfront gateway to the East Bay, Jack London Square continues to not only build momentum, but also reflect the values and diversity of the local Oakland community," Mayor Quan said.

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