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## FAMILY CIRCLES

Jason Pechet hosted a fine media luncheon at Violina yesterday, to announce the return, sooner or later, of the Pechets and Stage West to the ol' hometown.

The Pechet family (Jason's grandfather Eugene, dad Howard, brother David) has kept a low profile in the city since selling the Mayfield Inn & Suites in the '90s to lumberman Al Owen. (The Mayfield is now owned by CHIP Hotels.) All but Eugene moved to San Diego after the Mayfield was sold.

But Stage West Hospitality has been busy nearby, owning and/or operating hotels, theatres and casinos in Camrose, near Canmore, Calgary and Medicine Hat Lodge, not to mention Vancouver and Toronto.

The news: Stage West is looking for land in Edmonton on which to build a major new hospitality property, with a Stage West theatre, big hotel, convention component and maybe a casino.

If the right standing hotel comes along, that's an option too.

Wouldn't Stage West Hospitality be a fit with the proposed new downtown arena?