

Monterey's Portola Hotel & Spa Announces Major Renovations

Award-Winning Monterey, California Destination to Enhance Guest Experience

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MONTEREY, Calif., Nov. 17, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The AAA Four Diamond Portola Hotel & Spa, overlooking Monterey Bay and Fisherman's Wharf, announced plans for a complete renovation of its tree-lined atrium lobby, together with construction of a new \$3.5 million entrance plaza and 40,000 square foot Monterey Conference Center.

The \$6 million newly redesigned lobby will feature extensive use of wood complimented by lighted pendants in the 25-foot lobby ficus trees, as well as, a new bar and lobby seating providing a unique ambience for food and bar service.

"The ongoing and future property renovations are part of our commitment to our guests, to offer an exceptional stay in one of the most beautiful ocean-side destinations on the California coast," said Janine Chicourrat, General Manager of the property. In addition to the current upgrades, the Portola has recently completed a \$10 million full renovation of all their 379 guestrooms and bathrooms.

Two world renowned firms have been selected as the design partners. The San Francisco-based Puccini Group is the interior-design partner for the Portola lobby enhancements. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill is the designer for the 35,000-square foot entrance plaza and the \$60 million conference space. Both the plaza and conference center are being constructed by the City of Monterey, through a long-standing private/public partnership with Portola.

"We've taken cues from the modern aesthetic tone set by the adjacent conference-center renovation, but have also set the hotel apart by creating a resort-like atmosphere and a strong sense of place consistent with Hotel's setting adjacent to Monterey Bay," added Puccini's Chief Creative Officer, Rob Polacek. "The coastal Monterey landscape, wildlife and local artist community had a tremendous influence on our design and materials palette."

These improvements, include cutting-edge energy and water conservation fixtures, reinforcing the Portola's commitment to green practices and its U.S. Building Council's LEED® Certified

Status. The Conference Center will also seek LEED Certified Status upon completion. All three projects are scheduled for completion in April, 2017. During the renovation process, Portola will remain open for business.

About Portola Hotel & Spa:

The AAA Four Diamond Portola Hotel & Spa boast 379 guestrooms, 50,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and is the only LEED® Certified hotel in Monterey, CA. For more information, please visit: <http://www.portolahotel.com/>



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