

PORTOLA HOTEL & SPA ANNOUNCES NEW RENOVATIONS AND PROPERTY ADDITIONS

*Award-Winning Destination Continues to Elevate the Guest Experience
with New Guest Rooms, Meeting Areas and Outdoor Spaces*

Monterey, CA. November 14, 2019 — Portola Hotel & Spa, the elegant Four-Diamond hotel situated along Central California's Monterey Bay, is pleased to announce that the next phase of the property's multimillion-dollar renovation is underway, with special emphasis on the guest rooms.

The new renovations include a complete remodel of the famed Central Coast hotel's 379 guest rooms. With interdisciplinary design and consulting company RoseBernard Studio leading the interior design, the newly reimagined guest rooms honor the coastal city's history, while simultaneously elevating the property to meet the needs and expectations of today's sophisticated travelers.

The guest rooms will thoughtfully recall the Hispanic roots of Monterey, incorporating the palettes, architectural traditions and clothing patterns of The Californios, the region's earliest settlers, allowing guests to feel immersed in the past while still experiencing every modern necessity in the luxuriously reimagined rooms. Special touches include lighting that washes a colorful artistically designed wall covering above the bed to create a soothing experience in the evening hours. Thoughtfully placed multi-use plugs are set in convenient locations so guests can freely move around the room with their favorite devices.

The Portola's public spaces are also being updated, from the carpet and wall coverings in the meeting rooms to the replacement of the furniture in the elevator landings, which will mirror the recently completed lobby's relaxing design scheme. That design fuses inspiration from the coastal living of Monterey and the area's historic tapestry, creating a blended space of iconic history and modern elements.

The hotel plans to roll out the 11.2 million dollar renovations to all of the guest rooms, meeting rooms and elevator landings between now and the end of Spring of 2020. "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 coastal destinations in California," General Manager Janine Chicourrat stated.

Additionally, the hotel recently revitalized its outdoor space by adding Jacks Terrace, a new outdoor event space and pet-friendly terrace that invites travelers near and far to soak in the scenery. Outfitted with custom fire pits and a variety of seating options, the new terrace features four living walls, with three of the living walls alternating with bays of teak slat walls, designed to soften the property's hard stucco exterior. The northeast sprouting wall, in particular, rises 16 feet into the sky and spans 10 feet wide incorporating live plants and herbs that not only beautify the space, but also have a practical use by being included in a variety of seasonal dishes offered in the various restaurant's menus. The terrace is made complete by a custom iron trellis to differentiate the private dining space. The new outdoor dining patio offers a base for colorful drapery, heating and lighting to service large parties.

Jacks Terrace is serving up rich flavor profiles and sustainably conscious ingredients blended by Executive Chef, Danny Abbruzzese, and his culinary team. Jacks Terrace has become a destination all its own, allowing visitors to unplug and unwind against Portola's picturesque backdrop while enjoying Monterey's coastal breeze. The outdoor terrace is located just steps through the Jacks Monterey restaurant and hotel lobby exterior doors. An oasis draped in twinkling string lights, the new space extends outdoors from the renovated indoor coastal eatery and lobby, which recently earned the top award for Interior Design: Restaurant/Hospitality at the San Francisco Design Week Awards.



These renovations come after the completion of a 1.2 million dollar on premise Peet's Coffee®, a full-service coffee bar enjoyed by both hotel guests and city passersby that offers beverages made from freshly roasted and selectively sourced beans. The Portola Hotel & Spa team operates Peet's Coffee® and offers unique grab and go items created by the hotels talented culinary team, in addition to the incredible seasonal coffees created by the highly touted Peet's Coffee® family.

Renovations are expected to be completed by the Spring of 2020. For more information about the Portola Hotel & Spa, please visit www.portolahotel.com.

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About RoseBernard Studio

RoseBernard is known for their emphasis on collaboration resulting in consistently strong concepts that span every guest touchpoint and create a narrative that respects locality. Their work spans from restaurants, to hotels, and exclusive lounges around the world. By taking a holistic perspective on every project and use of creative abilities paired with pragmatism RoseBernard delivers solutions that are market-specific, cost-effective, and unique. With a passion for innovative and financially responsible solutions, their multidisciplinary studio works diligently to achieve clients and guests goals to deliver the highest quality of design.

About Portola Hotel & Spa

The AAA Four Diamond, Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey, CA was one of the first U.S. Green Building Council LEED® Certified hotel on California's Central Coast. The full-service hotel offers guests a rich, historical ambiance, with residential style and a dedicated staff to ensure an unparalleled guest experience. The Portola Hotel features 379 well-appointed guest rooms and suites, ranging from 400 to 1,000 square feet. Home to the Monterey Peninsula's original craft brewery, Peter B's Brewpub, The Club Room, Jacks Monterey, and Peet's Coffee. The Portola boasts an award-winning 6,000-square-foot day spa. Spa on the Plaza offers beautifully appointed treatment rooms and an extensive spa menu of signature treatments. Overnight guests also have access to the hotel's spa and fitness facilities, complete with steam room, sauna, outdoor pool, Jacuzzi and yoga studio.

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