

ConventionSouth's Online Roundup of Renovated, New & Meeting Sites On The Way Fall 2008

ConventionSouth's Annual Roundup of New and Renovated Meeting Sites in the South is a state-by-state guide to recent and future hospitality industry projects. Editors have compiled this online roundup as a complement to the revised edition that was published in the October 2008 issue of *ConventionSouth*. Information for this roundup was gathered through research conducted as of September 2008. Some information may have been revised since producing this document. Please submit any factual errors to info@conventionsouth.com.

Alabama

Auburn/Opelika

The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center: At the end of April, 100 of the hotel's 246 guest rooms were renovated. During phase two, the north wing of the hotel will undergo construction on the remaining guest rooms and 18 standard rooms will be converted into nine brand new luxury suites.

Birmingham

Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau: A partnership has been formed to turn the former Regions Financial Corporation headquarters, located downtown, into a \$52 million, 261-room Marriott Renaissance hotel that will feature 12,000 square feet of meeting space, a full-service restaurant and bar, a fitness center and more. It is tentatively slated to open in late 2009. Also, plans are in the works to expand the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, nearly doubling its size. Roberts Hotel Group has announced plans to restore the historic A.G. Gaston Motel, which has remained closed since the mid-1970s, and is slated to include retail shops, a nightclub and a conference center. A timetable for the project has yet to be released. Other new hotel developments in the area include the restoration of the historic 1926 Federal Reserve building into Vantage Hospitality's Four-Star Lexington Collection Hotel and a 150-room Hyatt Place and a 123-room Marriott Residence Inn are in the works. Construction has begun on an aloft hotel in downtown Homewood, a Birmingham suburb, and is slated to offer 11 guest rooms and is expected to open in mid-2009.

Birmingham Marriott: Recently introduced a new bedding package and upgraded all of the TVs in the 295 guest rooms.

Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park: Summer renovations include enhancing all aspects of the 205-room hotel.

Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham/Lakeshore Drive: The 95-room hotel rolled out a new bedding package and new carpeting in December 2007.

Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport: Fresh off a renovation in May, the 220-room hotel added 2,484 square feet of meeting space and offers a new restaurant.

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa: The resort offers 259 guest rooms and 20,000 square feet of meeting space, a spa and a golf course that's part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. This summer, the resort began a transformation of its exclusive club lounge into a boardroom, complete with upscale decor.

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel: Currently undergoing a renovation that is expected to be completed in 2009 and includes an overhaul of both the interior with the addition of hospitality suites and the exterior with the cleaning of exterior walls and landscaping. Other improvements include renovations to the concert hall.

The Tutwiler Hotel: Completed a renovation and expansion project in 2007 that included the addition of 17 new suites, a fitness center, a business center and upgrading the equipment in the meeting rooms.

The Wynfrey Hotel: The 329-room resort saw a multi-million-dollar renovation in 2007 that included the installation of imported Italian marble and French chandelier lighting in all of the property's guest bathrooms.

Birmingham Airport Authority: Birmingham's airport is set to become the Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport, a move to honor a legendary force in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s in Birmingham. Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, 86, is a minister and advocate for human rights.

Gulf Shores

Alabama Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau: New developments include Phoenix West in Orange Beach, opening in June 2009 by Brett/Robinson with more than 9,000 square feet of meeting space, more than 225 condo units, a lazy river, and indoor and outdoor pools. IDC Development is planning a MainStay Suites hotel and a proposed 14,000-square-foot meeting facility along with a retail center for Gulf Shores.

Kaiser Realty Inc.: Opened a new 27,000-square-foot headquarters that includes a 3,000-square-foot meeting room.

Huntsville

Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau: Last fall, Bridge Street Town Centre, an entertainment, retail and residential complex, opened its retail phase. In April a 210-room Westin opened.

Von Braun Center: Several updates are on the way, including roof improvements and all the dimmer switches, which control lighting, will be replaced. Within the next four years, there are plans for new curtains, new carpeting and new staging equipment in the playhouse as well.

Embassy Suites Huntsville: 295-suite property opened downtown in the cultural and entertainment district. The hotel offers 7,800 square feet of meeting space and adjoins the city's Von Braun Convention Center.

The Westin Huntsville: The 210-room hotel opened this spring at the Bridge Street Town Centre and offers more than 11,000 square feet of meeting space.

U.S. Space & Rocket Center: Opened the Davidson Center for Space Exploration, housing one of only three Saturn V moon rockets and can accommodate groups of up to 1,000.

Mobile

Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau: The 209-room Holiday Inn Downtown Historic District recently underwent a renovation that includes its 8,700 square feet of meeting space. The 150-room Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown Mobile will open next year. Mobile Bay's newest meeting facility and eco-attraction is 5 Rivers: Alabama's Delta Resource Center, which explores 250,000 acres of scenic waterways, woods and wetlands. New hotel openings include the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Daphne on Mobile's East Bay with 104 suites and nearly 1,700 square feet of meeting space.

Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center: Has replaced all carpeting; carpet designed specifically for the center.

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa: In early 2008, the 405-room resort renovated its European-styled spa and fitness center.

Radisson Admiral Semmes: The property recently added refrigerators to all 170 guest rooms as well as new bedding.

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel: Attached to the convention center, the hotel offers 32,000 square feet of meeting space and was christened a Renaissance in November 2007 after a more than \$50 million renovation effort that ranged from the Harbor Room restaurant to deck-styled floors and the Fathom Lounge, everything has been touched by renovations.

The Battle House, A Renaissance Hotel: Opened last summer, the 238-room hotel offers 17 meeting rooms and can accommodate up to 950 attendees in its 40,000 square feet of meeting space.

Montgomery

Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB: Within walking distance of the new convention center, the Best Western, formerly The Madison Hotel, recently completed an extensive renovation to the exterior and interior, including all guest rooms and meeting rooms. The full-service property offers 170 guest rooms and more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space.

Montgomery Convention Center c/o Montgomery Renaissance Hotel: The center recently completed a \$29 million transformation that will result in 73,000 square feet of additional exhibit space, including a 1,800-seat performing arts center.

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa @ the Convention Center: Opened in February 2008, the hotel is adjacent to the convention center and Alabama's newest 1,800-seat performing arts center. The hotel features 346 guest rooms, including 27 hotel suites, and 100,000 square feet of meeting space. The newly opened hotel features an upscale restaurant and bar, a private bar with outdoor seating an outdoor terrace dining space, as well as an 8,000-square-foot, European-styled spa with a fitness center, pool, salon and running track.

Orange Beach

Bama Bayou: Slated to be a 144-acre multi-use development at the northern landing at the Foley Beach Express that would include a 68,000-square-foot convention center, hotels, condominiums, a marina, a marine park, retail shops and restaurants. Currently, crews are constructing the building that will house Gulf World Marine Park's gigantic aquarium.

Caribe, The Resort: A new restaurant that will seat up to 300 people is planned to open in late 2008 at the 600-unit resort.

The Wharf: Opening a conference center with more than 20,000 square feet of divisible meeting space in the beginning of 2009. This space will be located on the resort, which currently includes 190 condo units, a 10,000-seat amphitheater and several restaurants, retail shops and a marina.

Tuscaloosa

Tuscaloosa Convention & Visitors Bureau: Plans call for a \$110 million mixed-use development that will include a 14-story tower featuring a 250-room hotel and 65 condo units, 19,000 square feet of retail space, and a 738-space parking garage. Pending approval, construction could start in the first half of 2009, with opening set for early 2011.

Hotel Capstone: Formerly the Four Points by Sheraton Tuscaloosa Capstone, the 150-room hotel with more than 8,000 square feet of meeting space is completing a 1.6 million renovation that began this summer. The hotel is located on the campus of the University of Alabama.

Arkansas Bentonville

Bentonville Convention & Visitors Bureau: Coming in 2010, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art will encompass approximately 100,000 square feet of gallery, library, meeting and office space; a 250-seat indoor auditorium; areas for outdoor concerts and public events; gallery rooms suitable for large receptions; and sculpture gardens and walking trails. The city also continued its growth as voters approved a bond for \$110 million with \$85 million for infrastructure enhancements, \$15 million for park improvements, and \$460,000 for Bentonville Municipal Airport.

Doubletree Guest Suites Bentonville/Rogers: The new 140-suite hotel opened in early 2008 and features guest rooms with a separate living room area with a pullout sofa, a microwave oven and refrigerator, and

other Doubletree in-room amenities. The hotel also offers 8,690 square feet of meeting space.

Hilton Garden Inn Bentonville: Current enhancements under way include the addition of 32-inch, high-definition flat-panel TVs and wood-stained crown molding in the 133 guest rooms.

Fayetteville

The Cosmopolitan: Undergoing complete renovation, including meeting space renovations at the 235-room hotel slated to be completed in the coming months.

Fort Smith

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Fort Smith: The 138-room hotel opened in 2007 with 2,500 square feet of meeting space.

Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau: A new attraction, the U.S. Marshals Museum, is expected to open in 2012 and feature artifacts and special exhibits. Also, the 138-room Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Fort Smith opened in 2007 with 2,500 square feet of meeting space.

Holiday Inn Fort Smith - City Center: Completed a renovation in March that included all 26,000 square feet of meeting space, new carpet, new wall coverings and a new bedding package in its 255 guest rooms.

Hot Springs

Hot Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau: At least three hotels are under construction, which will add more than 300 more guest rooms in the area and more are in the planning stages. The 100-room Comfort Suites of Hot Springs is scheduled to open in spring 2009 and will include an indoor pool, a bar and a complimentary breakfast bar.

Hot Springs Convention Center: The complete re-carpeting of the center is now finished with more than 9,000 square yards of carpet installed throughout the 240,000-square-foot convention center portion of the 360,000-square-foot complex.

Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa: In November 2007, replaced the mattresses in all 475 guest rooms and renovated the hotel's bathhouse and twin cascading, heated pools and hot tub.

Little Rock

Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau: 2008 brought the addition of Peabody Park and a Political History audio tour. Future additions include the Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center and the Mosaic Templars of America Cultural Center.

Crowne Plaza Little Rock: The 243-room hotel features a contemporary new look as a result of a \$12 million conversion summer 2007 from the former Holiday Inn Select.

Doubletree Hotel: The 287-room hotel is set to undergo multimillion-dollar renovation that will "transform the Doubletree Little Rock into a brand new hotel."

Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center: With newly completed renovations, the hotel now features 190 rooms and introduces new amenities such as an indoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center.

The Capital Hotel: The 131-year-old hotel recently completed a facelift that included the remaking of 120 guest rooms into 94-eliminating the smallest rooms. Rooms now feature flat-screen TVs and wireless Internet access.

Morrilton

Winthrop Rockefeller Institute: The Winthrop Rockefeller Institute of the University of Arkansas System completed a \$20 million renovation project in October 2007. The style of the renovation is described as "rugged yet sophisticated" to fit with the conference center and lodge's mountaintop setting. The meeting space was more than doubled to 17,000 square feet, including 16 meeting rooms, two of which are theaters equipped with state-of-the-art audio/video equipment. Guest room capacity was increased to include a new 30-room executive deluxe lodge, bringing the total accommodations up to 125.

Pocahontas

Randolph County Tourism Association: Destination officials say preservation efforts continue throughout the county and within the city of Pocahontas, an old river port. The city's downtown historic district contains "beautifully preserved architecture of the Victorian Era," and offers shopping and dining opportunities. Among the new hotels to the area, the Days Inn Suites Pocahontas offers meeting space for small groups, a business center and complimentary high-speed Internet access.

Rogers

Hyatt Place Rogers/Bentonville: The 103-room hotel recently opened with 800 square feet of meeting space.

Rogers, Arkansas Convention & Visitors Bureau: More than \$100 million has been spent on road improvements in the area. Pinnacle Hills Promenade Lifestyle Center opened in 2007 and has several nationally known chain stores with more high-end restaurants soon to come. In hotel developments, the 130-room aloft Rogers-Bentonville opened this summer with 550 square feet of meeting space and the 103-suite Hyatt Place Rogers/Bentonville recently opened with 800 square feet of meeting space. Another hotel that recently opened in the area is the Holiday Inn and Suites Rogers/Bentonville with 127 rooms.

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa & Convention Center

In July, the property opened a 152-suite hotel tower that adjoins the existing hotel and the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. The expanded property now offers 400 suites and Spa Botanica day spa. To compensate for additional guest traffic associated with the expansion, the hotel underwent a \$1 million renovation to enlarge public areas such as the restaurant and to refresh the atrium area with new tile and hardwood floors.

Rogers

aloft Rogers-Bentonville: The 130-room hotel opened this summer with 550 square feet of meeting space.

Springdale

Springdale Chamber of Commerce: A \$105 million street program is currently in its final stages and includes the construction of three east/west corridors that cross the town and are set to ease traffic congestions.

tion. Also, the 6,500-seat Arvest Ballpark, a baseball stadium, opened in April.

Florida

Amelia Island

Amelia Island Tourist Development Council: In April, Amelia Hotel at the Beach completed a complete room renovation, as well as adding meeting space bringing its total to more than 2,100 square feet. The Amelia Island Williams House added a new 450-square-foot meeting and event room. On the Water Adventures, recently acquired a new oyster boat and First Coast Excursions is now offering private, chartered dinner cruises from the Fernandina Harbor Marina. Amelia River Golf Club has opened its new clubhouse restaurant.

Amelia Island Plantation: Received its Green Lodging destination certification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, becoming the first hotel on Amelia Island to earn the designation.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island: Construction has commenced on a ballroom addition that upon its completion in the fall of 2009 will add 12,000 square feet of available meeting space.

Atlantic Beach

One Ocean Resort Hotel & Spa: Opened this summer after a complete transformation from the Sea Turtle Inn. The resort offers 193 guest rooms and 10,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space.

Aventura

The Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club: Completed a \$150 million transformation and features 392 guest rooms and suites and, a 40,000-square-foot conference center.

Beaches of South Walton

Beaches of South Walton: The 11-room bed and breakfast, The Penisone, recently underwent a complete redesign of the interior decor and expanded to offer three more rooms on the fourth floor.

Embassy Suites Hotel Destin at Miramar Beach: New carpet in meeting areas and a completely redone boardroom are part of a recent renovation at the hotel.

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa: Embarking on a new phase of a \$3.4 million redesign project that began in 2006 and is set for completion by spring 2009. Designated as "Hilton Sandestin Deluxe Rooms," now rooms will include new furnishings and a soothing blue and green color palette. Flat-screen TVs and a state-of-the-art media center addition in the children's bunk area, a second phone line, the finest quality bed linens and patio upgrades were also added.

Boca Raton

Boca Raton Resort & Club: LXR Luxury Resorts and Hotels introduced Lifestyle Cuisine by LXR, a more health-conscious approach to banquet and catering menus, at the hotel this summer.

Embassy Suites Hotel - Boca Raton: Recently added meeting space, which now totals 15,000 square feet of space, and renovated all boardrooms, the business center and the fitness center. Guest rooms now have flat-screen TVs as well.

Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel: Recently renovated is 189 guest rooms and 15,00 square feet of meeting space.

Bonita Springs

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa: Has completed a renovation to its 14,000-square-foot ballroom.

Captiva Island

South Seas Island Resort: Chadwick's square has debuted three new retail outlets, including a new wine bar and Red Fish Pass Captiva and Fresh Squeezed, a Lilly Pulitzer VIA Shop.

Clearwater

Harborview Convention Center - Clearwater: Completed renovations to its bathrooms and updated the rest of the facility with new paint and furniture.

Belleview Biltmore Resort, Golf Club & Spa: Renovation plans include a complete historic restoration of the 256 room main hotel structure with five ballrooms, meeting rooms, restaurants and retail shops; construction of a new "East Wing;" two levels of subterranean parking; and a new grand entrance with lushly landscaped grounds. A projected grand reopening is set for January 2012.

Clearwater Beach

Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort: Guest rooms and public areas have been expanded, reconfigured and redesigned to create more inviting spaces, bring the look and feel of the outside in, and showcase the property's "breathtaking" views. Orchestrated by design firm Looney and Associates, the resort's enhanced private and public spaces debuted Dec. 20, 2007.

Clearwater Beach

Sandpearl Resort & Spa: Last summer brought this 253-room resort to Florida's West Coast, offering 25,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space.

Sheraton Sand Key Resort: The 390-room hotel is in the midst of guest room renovations, which are scheduled for completion by December.

Coconut Grove

Sonesta Hotel & Suites Coconut Grove: Sonesta is now home to the 3,000-square-foot Nikki Beach Coconut Grove. The venue includes a street level, European-styled deli café that will serve breakfast, lunch and specialty coffee.

Coral Gables

The Westin Colonnade - Coral Gables: The 154-room Westin, formerly an Omni, opened in January 2007 following a complete \$10 million renovation.

Daytona Beach

Ocean Center Convention Entertainment Complex: Set for completion this fall, an expansion project will add 100,000 square feet of exhibit space and an additional 22 meeting rooms, giving the complex a total of 190,000 square of meeting space. Refurbishment of the existing facility is projected to be completed by January 2009 with a grand opening in February.

Daytona Beach Resort & Conference Center: Opened in early 2008 offering 322 studio suites, 20,000 square feet of meeting space, and a large oceanfront pre-function space.

Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Village: Among the recent additions to the 744-room hotel is the Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse that opened in December 2007, and The Spa at the Hilton.

Hilton Garden Inn Palm Coast at Town Center: Set to open in December 2008/January 2009, the 121-room hotel will feature 3,850 square feet of meeting space, a full-service restaurant, and business center.

Plaza Ocean Club: The hotel recently completed a renovation of its 206 guest rooms.

Wyndham Ocean Walk (formerly Fairfield Daytona Beach @ Oceanwalk): The 175-unit resort features 6,000 square feet of meeting space and recently added The Turtle's Next, a Tiki bar and grill.

Delray Beach

Delray Beach Marriott: The N Regan Spa was recently opened at the 268-room hotel.

Destin

The Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village: The newly opened 200-unit condominium offers 3,150 square feet of pre-function and meeting space, including three breakout rooms and an executive boardroom.

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort: One of the newer additions to the resort is the 100-unit luxury condominium, Elation, which opened in summer 2007, which is adjacent to the newly opened 32,000-square-foot Baytowne Conference Center.

Destin • Fort Walton Beach • Okaloosa Island

Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc.: Destin Commons, a 570,000-square-foot outdoor lifestyle center, has recently completed the first of a three phase expansion plan with the opening of the West Tower in March, a six-level parking garage, including class A office space. Phase two, expected to commence fall 2008, will include 150,000 square feet of additional retail and nationally recognized restaurants. Phase three will complete their expansion with 300,000 square feet of retail and a 250 nationally branded all-suite resort, golf course and business conference center. HarborWalk Village has opened a new phase, including Commander's Palace restaurant and other retail and dining options, a marina and other charter boat and cruise options. The Florida Gulfarium has opened the Living Sea exhibit and has remodeled. Seating is available for 50 people at tables and another 50 in the bleacher area.

Best Western Fort Walton Beachfront Hotel: This 100-room boutique-styled hotel recently renovated rooms with new mattresses, pillows, bedspreads and carpet, and have also added a business center in the lobby.

Four Points by Sheraton Destin - Fort Walton Beach: By the end of the year, the hotel will complete a renovation that will add 32-inch flat-screen TVs to all 216 guest rooms. Kiwi's Beachside Bar and Grill was completely remodeled in the spring as well.

Holiday Inn on the Beach: The exterior of the property received a fresh coat of paint in March, the full-service dining facility, Destin Cafe, is getting a new

look, and the hotel recently added the Shack Out Back bar.

Palms of Destin Resort & Conference Center: Opened in 2007, the resort destination offers 416 guest suites and 12,000 square feet of meeting space.

Pelican Beach Resorts & Conference Center: Recently added a 6,000-square-foot sun deck for outdoor events.

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort: Completed renovations of its 335 guest rooms and received the 2006 Ramada President's Award for excellence.

Duck Key

Hawks Cay Resort : Recently completed a renovation that included all 177 guest rooms, the lobby and the addition of Alma Latino restaurant and Rum Bar.

Florida Keys

FL Keys & Key West Tourist Development Council: The new 74-room Parrot Key Beach House Resort recently opened offering more than 1,500 square feet of meeting space.

Fort Lauderdale

The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale: The hotel opened in August with 192 guest rooms and 24,000 square feet of meeting space.

Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau: In early November, Hilton Hotels Corporation won a vote in its bid to build a 1,000-room hotel next to the Broward County Convention Center. The hotel is set to open in 2010 and offer 74,000 square feet of meeting space. Upcoming luxury hotel developments planned for the area include the 225-room Hollywood Grande Resort, a boutique hotel set to open in spring 2009; The Fairmont Pompano Beach, which is scheduled to open in 2011 with 303 guest suites; and Trump International Hotel and Tower Fort Lauderdale, which is slated to open in 2009 with 301 one- and two- bed-room suites. A 150-room Crowne Plaza hotel is being planned near the airport and a 122-room Hampton Inn and Suites in Miramar are both being slated for 2009.

Fort Lauderdale

Crowne Plaza Hotel Hollywood Beach Resort: Opened in October 2007 as a condo/hotel featuring 311 guest rooms and 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club: Formerly the Fort Lauderdale Marina Marriott, the resort has just completed a comprehensive \$70 million transformation that included 589 redesigned and modernized guest rooms, a new lobby and refurbished common areas which all debuted in December 2007.

Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa: Floor-to-Ceiling revitalization added 32-inch flat-screen TVs, Marriott's Signature Revive bedding and more in all 650 rooms and suites.

Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport: Hilton Hotel officials announced in early 2007 the opening of the newly converted 388-room hotel, formerly the Wyndham Fort Lauderdale Hotel, which features 18,500 square feet of meeting space.

Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort: Opened last year, the resort features 373 suites, a 25,000-square-foot terrace with a zero-entry pool and cabanas and 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites: Formerly the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Sunrise, the 297-room property, which includes nearly 7,000 square feet of meeting space, underwent a \$20 million renovation in 2007.

Holiday Park Hotels & Suites: The 159-room hotel offers more than 1,000 square feet of meeting space and will complete a full renovation by the end of the year.

Hollywood Beach Marriott Hotel: Opened in 2005, the hotel debuted a new spa in 2007, which offers five treatment rooms.

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Conference Center & Spa: The 501-room Hyatt completed a \$100 million renovation in early 2007. Enhancements include all guest rooms, restaurants and 100,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as the addition of a Red Door Lifestyle Spa, Elizabeth Arden.

Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Resort & Spa: Completed a redesign of its 384 guest rooms and suites and 25,000 square feet of meeting space in November 2007.

Ocean Sky Hotel & Resort: Increased meeting space from 2,770 square feet to 5,777 square feet and is set to remodel the entire meeting space by this fall. Also, 14 oceanfront executive suites have been redone with amenities.

Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Hotel: The 233-room hotel with 10,000 square feet of meeting space recently wrapped up a renovation to guest rooms and meeting space this fall, including new hard and soft goods and new flat-screen TVs in guest rooms.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Several attributes have been added including a high-limit gaming room, a non-smoking gaming area, the Plum VIP lounge and additional dining options such as The Chef's Table, which will bring in celebrity chefs to prepare food before the eyes of groups of up to 40.

Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek: Completed a comprehensive renovation in January with significant upgrades to all 253 guest suites, 13,000 square feet of meeting space and public space. All suites offer a separate living room.

St. Regis Resort Fort Lauderdale: The resort opened in May 2007 with 166 guest rooms and suites and 34 units in a condo/hotel, along with 24,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Westin Beach Resort - Fort Lauderdale (Opening February 2009): The former Sheraton Yankee Trader Hotel is undergoing a complete a, top-to-bottom multimillion-dollar renovation and conversion to the Westin Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale-scheduled to open in early 2009. 32,000 square feet of flexible meeting space will be included.

Fort Myers

Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel: New hotel developments include a Candlewood Suites opened in Fort Myers that features 80 suites, a fitness center, a busi-

ness center and a meeting room accommodating up to 27 people. A Courtyard by Marriott recently opened in Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers featuring 134 guest rooms and a meeting room to accommodate functions with up to 80 people. Other attraction enhancements include the new Interpretive Center at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, the opening of the third phase of the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, the full reopening after renovations at the Eastwood Golf Course and the first fill-service day spa and salon on Fort Myers Beach opening, Esterra Spa and Salon. The Gulf Coast Town Center, featuring 1.7 million square feet, has also opened.

Clarion Hotel: The 134-room hotel recently opened near the Gulf Coast Town Center featuring 4,500 square feet of meeting space.

Crowne Plaza Fort Myers: Shoeless Joe's Sports Cafe and adjacent meeting rooms have remodeled, completing the final phase of a \$6 million renovation to become a Crowne Plaza hotel.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates: Recently completed a restoration project on the homes, gardens and pool. Part of the project was the restoration of Mr. Edison's Caretaker's House-which is now available for meetings.

Fort Myers Beach

DiamondHead Beach Resort: Recently installed wireless Internet access in all 124 suites, as well as renovating 31 premium suites with new furniture, linens and flat-screen TVs, new baths and new granite dining bars in the kitchens.

Gainesville

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center - Gainesville: The 248-room hotel underwent a complete guest room renovation this summer that included updating guest room bathrooms and adding ergonomic desks and LCD flat-screen TVs.

Jacksonville

Visit Jacksonville: Newly constructed hotels include the Sheraton Jacksonville Hotel that offers 159 guest rooms and the area's first Shula's 347 Grill; the 124-room Holiday Inn and Suites - Orange Park; the 115-room Courtyard Jacksonville Orange Park that includes meeting space that can accommodate groups up to 200; and The Holiday Inn Express - Jacksonville Beach that opened this summer, offering a number of rooms with hot tubs and kids' suites. The hotel also will have a large state-of-the-art meeting room that can accommodate up to 100 people.

Embassy Suites Hotel Jacksonville: Among upgrades from a recent renovation to the 277-room hotel, the new Omaha Steakhouse provides banquet and room service.

One Ocean (Formerly The Sea Turtle Inn): Debuted in early 2008 after a \$24 million renovation and conversion from The Sea Turtle Inn. Enhancements included all 193 guest rooms and the 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Sawgrass Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort: Recently introduced an expanded and refreshed lobby and a new Irish bar in January, and underwent a transformation that included a renovation of the guest rooms and enhancements to The Player's Stadium

Course. A new 77,000-square-foot clubhouse includes 11,000 square feet of meeting space.

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel: Recently completed a renovation to its public space and 322 guest rooms.

Jupiter

Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa: Has kicked off a new carbon offsetting initiative for meeting professionals, as well as a "green meetings" program that will incorporate the use of recycled products.

Key Largo

Hilton Key Largo Beach Resort: Formerly the Key Largo Grande Resort and Beach Club, the 200-room Hilton now offers 17,000 square feet of meeting space after a renovation and expansion, doubling the meeting space size.

Ocean Reef Club: Continuing momentum after a \$17 million makeover of two of its oceanfront lodging buildings, the club will follow suit with its third building in 2008.

Key West

Beachside Resort & Conference Center: New 222-room resort overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, offering a 6,000 square feet of meeting space, a full spectrum of banquet facilities and services, a private beach and heated pool, and a marina is also in the works for a future date.

Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club: The 311-room resort property recently completed a \$43 million renovation that included a total transformation and redesign of guest rooms, lobby, pool terrace and meeting space.

Hyatt Key West Resort & Marina: The 118-room hotel recently completed a redesign adding the new Jala Spa and is now certified by the state as a green lodging property.

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Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa: The hotel recently began a renovation of all 142 guest rooms and some public areas. The resort started the transformation in mid-May and anticipates completion by the end of October 2008.

The Reach Resort: The 150-room property reopened its doors following a renovation effort that included guest rooms and added a number of new amenities.

Westin Key West Resort & Marina/Sunset Guest Cottages: The Westin flag was secured after a transition from a Hilton property that included the addition of villas and soft goods transitions. The property is slated for a complete renovation.

Kissimmee

Kissimmee Convention & Visitors Bureau: A new curtaining system installed at the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park, allowing the ability for the 10,500-seat facility to be configured into two different floor plans—a theater set-up seating 3,600 and a half-house set-up that seats 6,200. Mona Lisa Suite Hotel

opened in May, and offers 240 suites and Galerie Restaurant following the February opening of a Hampton Inn and Suites that offers 125 guest rooms and meeting space accommodating up to 50 people. Kissimmee Gateway Airport has added four hangars two with 12,000 square feet of space and two with 18,000 square feet of space in its Ranger Jet Center.

Holiday Inn Main Gate East: Following a multimillion-dollar renovation project; the 444-room hotel now features a redesigned pool and spa area, a new business center housing five workstations, laptop area and high-speed Internet access. New decor was added to the lobby 3,571 square feet of meeting space.

Ramada Orlando Celebration Resort: The grand opening of the resort, formerly the Orlando Sun Resort by Lexington, was celebrated in spring 2007. The resort offers 921 guest rooms and 60,000 square feet of meeting space.

Lake Buena Vista

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort: The 1,921-room resort has opened three new restaurant facilities, each with different theme and food offerings.

Regal Sun Resort: The rejuvenated resort includes an upgraded lobby and 619 renovated guest rooms with new bedding, wall coverings and carpet, and 19,000 square feet of renovated meeting space, and a new two-pool aquatic center is now open.

Lakeland

Central Florida Visitors & Convention Bureau: Fantasy of Flight, a vintage aircraft attraction, has a new addition to their collection-Orlampa Center, a high-tech conference center, with 54,000 square feet of meeting space.

Marco Island

Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa: Last spring, the hotel completed the final stages of an extensive renovation that enhanced the South Tower guest rooms and public areas, among other projects. The hotel has a total of 727 guest rooms and 60,000 square feet of meeting space.

Miami

Doral Golf Resort & Spa, A Marriott Resort: The Legends Ballroom, a self-contained, 60,000-square-foot facility featuring indoor and outdoor function space, was recently opened.

EPIC Hotel: Scheduled to open in December, this new lifestyle hotel in downtown Miami is set to offer 11,000 square feet of meeting space and 411 guest rooms.

Hyatt Regency Coral Gables: The 250-room hotel will begin a \$10 million renovation in September that is slated for completion in November and will enhance all of its 242 guest rooms and hallways, as well as its dining and entertainment spaces, the Two Sisters Restaurant and Alcazaba nightclub.

Hyatt Regency Miami at Miami Convention Center: The 612-room property celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007 with a renovation that featured a facelift for all 612 guest rooms.

Marriott Lodging at Miami International Airport: Thayer Lodging Group plans to invest \$65 million to

totally makeover the multiple hotel complex. The renovation/construction will take place in phases, with a final completion date planned for early 2009 to coincide with completion of a major expansion of the airport and regional transportation hub.

Jungle Island: Changed its name from Parrot Jungle Island in 2007 and includes Treetop Ballroom, which overlooks the Port of Miami and the city's skyline. The ballroom includes 15,000 square feet of meeting space that can accommodate 1,000 people for dinners and 2,000 people for receptions.

Miami Beach

Eden Roc - A Renaissance Resort & Spa: Wrapping up a \$180 million transformation that is slated for completion this fall, the resort will offer 349 new guest rooms of the existing tower, pools and cabanas, spa, restaurants, meeting space and retail options, as well as the creation of a 21-story, 283-room tower.

Fontainebleau Miami Beach: The transformed resort is set to open on Oct. 18 with a new 18-story, 286 all-suite tower and a property-wide, \$1 billion renovation and expansion. After upgrades, the resort will offer 1,504 guest rooms in three towers, a 40,000-square-foot spa, 11 restaurants and lounges, 58 meeting rooms totaling 107,000 square feet, 42,000 square feet of prefunction areas and 51,000 square feet of space for outdoor functions.

St. Regis Resort and Residence, Bal Harbour (formerly Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort, set to open in 2011): The resort broke ground in January on the site of the former Sheraton Bal Harbour. The project is slated to open by 2011 and will include a 12,000-square-foot Remède Spa.

Naples

Naples Bay Resort : In February, the property opened its doors with 85 one- and two-bedroom suites and 3,300 square feet of meeting space.

Naples Grande Beach Resort: Recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation, featuring a redesign of the lobby, lounge, banquet facility, bungalows and 474 accommodations as well as the addition of a state-of-the-art spa and a signature steakhouse restaurant.

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club: 318 guest rooms have been renovated, featuring new bedding and fabrics, flat-panel TVs and accents in tropical shades. A six-year renovation was also completed in 2006.

Orlando

The Waldorf-Astoria at Bonnet Creek: Is set to feature 498 guest rooms and suites, 28,000 square feet of meeting space, and share a total of 150,000 square feet of meeting space with the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. An opening is slated for late 2009.

Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.: The Hilton Orlando is slated to open summer 2009 adjacent to the Orange County Convention Center and will feature 1,400 guest rooms, 200,000 square feet of meeting space, seven dining establishments, a full-service spa and fitness center and eventually a pedestrian sky bridge linking the hotel to the center. Another Hilton brand hotel, Hilton Bonnet Creek, is opening late 2009 near the Walt Disney World Resort, and will share meeting

space with the Waldorf=Astoria, creating Hilton's largest mainland resort. The 1,000-room Hilton will feature 114,00 square feet of meeting space and five restaurants. 2010 will bring a 410-room Four Season Orlando and a \$400 million The Peabody Hotel expansion project. Venturella Resort and Spa in Lake Buena Vista is slated open in fall 2008 or winter 2009 with 7,000 square feet of meeting space and 155 guest rooms.

Clarion Resort "A Water Park Destination" Resort:

The resort's \$55 million renovation project transformed its 281 guest rooms and opened a water park with three slides, a 300-foot lazy river, a kids' water play area, a water spa and a pool.

Crowne Plaza Orlando Downtown: Since purchasing the property in April, S&L Hospitality has "breathed new life" into the 227-room full-service hotel. An additional 1,500 square feet of meeting space will soon be added to expand the meeting space to 6,500 square feet. Additional new amenities include a business center, expanded fitness room, complimentary coffee bar and a new menu at the restaurant.

Doubletree Guest Suites in the Walt Disney World Resort:

The final phase of a multimillion-dollar renovation of the hotel is now complete, including a remodeling of the lobby to include a restaurant, a lounge, and a marketplace. All 229 guest suites were also renovated.

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center:

Clearwater Cove is the new water activities playground at the resort, featuring a 120,000-gallon zero-entry family pool. The Palms has also opened Sora, a sushi restaurant.

Holiday Inn International Drive Resort:

The convention center, with 20,000 square feet of meeting space and two ballrooms, was recently renovated at the 652-room resort.

InterContinental Resort & Residences Orlando at Palazzo del Lago:

Will be an \$800 million resort near Walt Disney World. It will include a mix of 1,260 luxury hotel and hotel condo units and more than 114,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space when it opens in 2010.

International Plaza Resort & Spa:

With first phase of its makeover complete, the resort now boasts 120 remodeled guest rooms. The remaining accommodations in the 1,110-room resort are slated for completion later this year.

JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes :

The 934-room hotel transformed its 28,000-square-foot Coquina Ballroom from a former exhibition hall to feature Roman arches, limestone framing the doors and new carpet.

Lake Buena Vista Resort Village & Spa:

Opened a 2,600-square-foot meeting facility in September at the two-year-old, 500-condo unit resort.

Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando(r):

In January, renovations to all 1,000 guest rooms were completed. Jurassic Park and Dr. Seuss-themed Kids' Suites debuted as well.

Mission Inn Resort & Club:

In April, Benchmark Hospitality International welcomed the addition of the resort to its portfolio. The property has 183 guest rooms and suites, three restaurants, and a lounge. The resort features a new, state-of-the-art fitness center, and in November a 5,000-square-foot spa will be opening at the clubhouse.

Orlando Airport Marriott:

Completed a renovation last year that included a new lobby with a Starbucks, two new restaurants and 484 updated guest rooms.

Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center:

In late 2007, the hotel opened the 105,000-square-foot Cypress Ballroom. The ballroom increases the event space to 450,000 square feet.

Peabody Orlando:

Recently broke ground on an estimated \$420 million expansion effort that will add 750 guest rooms for a total of 1,641; expand meeting space by 140,000 square feet for a total of 200,000, add a 55,000-square-foot ballroom, and introduce a 15,000-square-foot spa.

Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld:

Currently wrapping up a \$27 million project that is enhancing the entire property. The final phase of the effort culminated with the opening of the Lotus Spa in February. The 716-room hotel now has such amenities as a sushi bar in the main atrium with a 35-foot media wall.

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center:

The hotel recently doubled its amount of meeting space with a \$23 million addition, to bring the total to more than 40,000 square feet.

The Orlando Metropolitan Resort:

Remodeling its exterior entry rooms currently and houses 7,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Villas of Grand Cypress:

In 2007, completed a series of renovations, including \$3 million enhancement to all 146 guest rooms.

Westin Imagine Orlando:

New leisure and business hotel opened in April with 470 suites and will anchor a 30-acre urban village with dining and entertainment venues. The hotel is adjacent to the Orange County Convention Center and features on-site sales and conference services.

Pointe Orlando:

The shopping center is continuing its multimillion-dollar makeover by adding an eclectic collection of casual, themed and upscale dining establishments along with a variety of retail shops.

SeaWorld Adventure Park, Orlando:

Aquatica, SeaWorld's water park, opened in March, with beaches and swimming areas.

Palm Beach

Doubletree Hotel Palm Beach Gardens:

Recently completed a renovation throughout and broke ground in May on a LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), PURE-designated (allergy friendly) conference center that is being built to the standards of International Association of Conference Centers. The center is slated to have 15,500 square feet of meeting space when open n 2009.

Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach:

The 210-room hotel has introduced a new 11,000-square-foot spa.

Ocean Club Beach Resort:

Concluding a renovation this fall that will convert the property to from a former Hilton with 134 guest rooms and 5,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Brazilian Court:

The 80-room boutique hotel has refurbished its 80 guest rooms and added The Pavilion, which adds two meeting spaces that can accommodate 8 to 67 people.

The Resort at Singer Island:

Opened in 2007 with 239 guest rooms, a wedding gazebo, three restaurants, a 8,500-square-foot wellness retreat and spa, a lap pool with private cabanas, a lagoon-styled family pool, and 4,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Ritz-Carlton - Palm Beach:

A \$100 million transformation is in the works that will add 24 oceanfront guest rooms by the fall, bringing the total to 310 rooms. More than 4,000 square feet of meeting space was added earlier this year, bringing the total amount of space to 20,000 square feet.

Palm Beach Gardens

Palm Beach Gardens Marriott:

Is in the process of upgrading its entire 279 guest rooms with new soft goods, flat-screen TVs and lighting. Half of the guest rooms are completed with the other half completed in the fall.

PGA National Resort & Spa:

The resort is celebrating the completion of a \$40 million facelift, including extensive renovations to the resort's public spaces, adding a new lobby, restaurant, new resort pool, and a complete renovation of The Palmer course. Phase two, a \$25 million project, is now underway with further renovations to the property's meeting and dining facilities.

Panama City Beach

Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau:

The city is now home to the Pier Park development, a 900,000-square-foot retail and entertainment complex that is already home to more than 90 shops, including Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville restaurant-with more opening in the coming months.

Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort:

Recently replaced all the carpet in its meeting rooms and has also completed renovations to its 520 condo units.

Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort:

Has added the SeaWatch Conference and Entertainment Center, which offers 4,000 square feet of enclosed meeting space, and houses the SeaWatch Spa, which opened last summer, and the SeaWatch Martini Bar.

Marriott Bay Point Golf Resort and Spa:

This 356-room property recently underwent a two-year renovation and development program that incorporated the renovation of all 316 guest rooms. Also added the 12,000-square-foot Spa at Bay Point.

The Boardwalk Beach Resort & Condominiums:

A multimillion-dollar room renovation was completed last year enhancing the properties 530 guest rooms and public spaces.

Tidewater Resort:

The resort recently opened and features lagoon pools, a fitness center, a movie-the-

atre, a 5,000-square-foot conference center, 570-units, and more.

Pensacola

Pensacola Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: Innisfree Hotels will break ground on the 206-room Holiday Inn on Pensacola Beach in October to be open in 2010.

Saenger Theater: Ground was broken recently on a renovation and expansion project that will expand seating for up to 1,600 and add an additional 3,000 square feet of meeting space.

Pensacola Beach

Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front: Formerly the Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Beach, this full-service Hilton property recently added a new tower with 91 condo-styled rooms and additional meeting space. The hotel now offers more than 30,000 square feet of meeting space and 272 guest rooms.

Ponte Vedra Beach

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club: Has received the Florida Green Lodging designation for its new, eco-friendly services and operational practices.

Reunion

Reunion Grande: This recently opened facility is located in the destination golf resort Ginn Reunion Resort and offers a high-tech conference center with a total of 12,000 square feet of space.

River Ranch

Westgate River Ranch: The 1,700-acre "dude" ranch is now the home of The Lodge, offering 4,000 square feet of meeting space.

Sarasota

Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau: A luxury, 225-room Waldorf=Astoria hotel is being planned as a key component of The Proscenium, a mixed-use project in downtown Sarasota. The project is presently in the city review process and is expected to begin construction this fall with an anticipated year-end 2010 completion.

Hyatt Regency Sarasota: Has completed the first phase of a multimillion-dollar renovation that transformed the property's 294 guest rooms, common areas and the new Currents restaurant. A new 2,000-square-foot meeting room has been added to the hotel's 20,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota: As of August 2008, plans were being made to build a new 119-room lodging tower behind the existing 266-room hotel. If completed, the project would also add 130 new parking spaces and open in late 2010.

St. Augustine

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau: San Sebastian Harbor Resort is set add The Westin St. Augustine by 2010 that will feature 225 guest rooms, a conference center, a luxury spa, retail offerings and a 65-slip marina with a boardwalk promenade.

Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village: The final touches of a property-wide renovation have been completed, including the remodeling of all 301 guest rooms, "dramatic" changes to the resort's lobby atri-

um, the remodeling and opening of a new restaurant and bar, an expanded fitness center, new lighting in public spaces, and new carpeting in the meeting space. Together with St. Johns County Convention Center and the World Golf Hall of Fame, the resort offers 86,000 square feet of event space.

St. Pete Beach

Don CeSar Beach Resort, A Loews Hotel: June brought the grand opening of the \$11 million, 11,000-square-foot Spa Oceana.

St. Petersburg

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center: In January 2009, the 205-room hotel is set to transition to a Marriott after major renovations, and an expansion of meeting space.

St. Petersburg/Clearwater

Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater : The all-suite, 105-unit Residence Inn by Marriott on Treasure Island opened in January is the chain's only beachfront location in the United States and features an "upscale" design. Also recently opened was the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites on Clearwater Beach, brought to new life through a \$27 million renovation. The hotel was rebuilt with 189 smoke-free hotel rooms and suites featuring 32-inch LCD high definition televisions, high-speed wireless internet and private balconies.

TradeWinds Island Grand: The resort's 35,000 square feet of meeting space is receiving a fresh makeover with the addition of new paint, carpet and decorative woodwork.

TradeWinds Sandpiper Hotel & Suites: Recently completed a renovation to its 159 guest rooms and common areas.

Tallahassee

Tallahassee Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Tallahassee Automobile Museum now has a new 95,000-square-foot location and offers 20,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 5,000-square-foot banquet hall.

Tampa

Crowne Plaza Westshore Tampa : MHI Hospitality Corporation announced in October 2007 the purchase of the former Clarion Hotel and is rebranding it after a \$20 million renovation and will reopen in January 2009.

Doubletree Guest Suites on Tampa Bay: Recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation of all the property's 203 guest rooms and will be adding 8,000 square feet to its existing meeting space as well as upgrading the fitness center.

Embassy Suites Hotel Tampa Airport/Westshore: The hotel finished a guest room and public space renovation in September that included flat-screen TVs and new bedding in all the guest rooms.

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay: Oystercatchers Restaurant at the 445-hotel recently underwent a \$4 million renovation.

Hyatt Regency Tampa: Finished a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2007, with all 521 guest rooms undergoing a complete transformation. The property offers 36,000 square feet of meeting space within 22 rooms.

Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club: Plans are underway for the resort's first full-service spa, scheduled to be completed by late 2008, a new state-of-the-art fitness area, and a renovation of the resort's 65,000 square feet of meeting space. Two new executive boardrooms, seating up to 20 each will be created.

InterContinental Tampa: Opened summer 2007, the 323-room hotel features a state-of-the-art fitness center, a full-service concierge program, and a rooftop pool. The hotel offers 17,000 square feet of meeting space, a restaurant, and a lounge.

Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center: The 408-room hotel is set to add 17,500 square feet of meeting space, including 6,500 square feet of ballroom space, new audio/visual equipment, a 4,500-square-foot patio, and a gazebo by late 2009.

Quorum Hotel - Tampa: Recently put final touches on a remodeling project that upgraded all guest rooms on floors 1-8, overhauled the fitness center and added a new outdoor deck area. Phase one renovations completed in 2007 included a renovation of the pool area and upgrades to the executive club rooms, floors 9-11.

Saddlebrook Resort - Tampa: The 800-room resort recently opened a new 13,000-square-foot function area called The Commons.

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa: Added the Spa Sanctuary following the renovation of the resort's 175 guest rooms, as well as public and 30,000 square feet of meeting space.

Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport: The hotel's 14,000 square feet of meeting space is undergoing a renovation.

Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel: Added more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 4,400-square-foot ballroom divisible into two smaller sections. More than \$ 6 million in ongoing upgrades to the hotel's 282 guest rooms, lobby, and fitness center were completed since 2007.

Tampa Airport Marriott: The hotel's 20,000 square feet of meeting space underwent a complete renovation within the last year and the 296 guest rooms are scheduled for upgrades by the end of the year.

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina: The hotel is investing \$12 million in the renovation of 681 guest rooms and 36 suites in 2008. Guest room renovations will include flat screen HD TVs, carpeting. Also features newly renovated meeting space completed in December 2007.

Vero Beach

Costa d'Este: The \$50 million resort opened recently with 94 guest rooms, as well as facilities for special events.

West Palm Beach

Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau: City leaders in Palm Beach recently approved the planned construction of a 400-room Westin hotel that will be connected to the Palm Beach County Convention Center by an enclosed walkway. The hotel is slated to break ground in late 2008 with a comple-

tion set for early 2010.

Doubletree Hotel West Palm Beach Airport: Formerly a Radisson, the hotel completed a renovation and conversion project that gave its 175 guest rooms, 2,400 square feet of meeting space and other areas of the hotel a facelift.

Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens: This year, the hotel will update all of its 160 guest rooms with new furniture and flat-screen TVs.

Hilton Palm Beach Airport: The 245-room hotel is adding a new "mini-executive" conference center, which is set to open during the first quarter of 2009.

West Palm Beach Marriott: Last August, the property opened a state-of-the-art Kosher kitchen.

Georgia

Athens

Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau: Hotel Indigo broke ground this summer and is slated to open by fall 2009 with 130 "eco-luxury" guest rooms and 2,500 square feet of meeting space. The boutique hotel will feature how many guest rooms and meeting space. Also, a Country Inn and Suites opened in March and includes 81 suites and meeting space for approximately 100 people. The Terrapin Brewery, which is open to public tours of the plant, including tastings, opened in February

The Classic Center: The center's 27,000-plus-square-foot Grand Hall North received a \$60,000 "green" renovation. Milliken carpet was laid to permanently remain in the hall.

Atlanta

Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NE/Northlake: Formerly a Radisson brand hotel, the hotel opened in early 2008 with 183 guest rooms and 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Hotel Indigo Atlanta : Set to open in December, the boutique-styled hotel will be the second of this InterContinental Hotels Group brand in the city and located in the historic Carnegie building in downtown Atlanta.

Sheraton Atlanta Perimeter North Hotel: The hotel opened at the first of the year with 142 guest rooms and more than 2,200 square feet of meeting space.

Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Center for Civil and Human Rights is set for a 2010 opening. The Grand Bohemian Hotel Atlanta is set to break ground in early 2009, and The St. Regis, with 150 guest rooms is also expected to open the same year. Two additional W Hotels are slated to open in Buckhead and Downtown. The new W Atlanta-Buckhead will open in November with 291 guest rooms and 7,000-square-feet of meeting space. A 237-room hotel is planned for the mixed-use project Ivan Allen Plaza in Downtown. This W Hotel will also include 75 condominiums and will open December 2008, giving the city the most W hotels in any U.S. market other than New York. The Stratford, a planned 43-story project, includes a 300-room hotel. Scheduled to open in 2008, phase one of the project will include stores on Peachtree Street with three floors of condominiums above. In phase two of the project, scheduled for completion in 2009, a luxury

300-room Hilton will be added. A 414-room Loews Atlanta Hotel is set to open in spring 2010 with 24,000 square feet of meeting space in the city's Midtown district.

Cobb County Convention & Visitors Bureau: In March 2009, northern Cobb County's first full-service hotel is set to open in Kennesaw; a 192-room Embassy Suites will feature 6,580 square feet of event space. Coming off its first year, the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre offers a 2,750-seat theater, a 10,000-square-foot ballroom and additional event spaces.

Gwinnett County Convention & Visitors Bureau (Metro Atlanta): Under construction is a 259-room Embassy Suites directly in front of the Gwinnett Center with 10,500 square feet of indoor plus additional outside space.

AmericasMart Atlanta: Atlanta's downtown wholesale marketplace facility has added a new two-story ballroom with 70,000 square feet of meeting space.

Georgia International Convention Center: GICC officials have announced that two new Marriott hotels will become part of the GICC complex, providing a total of 550 guest rooms. Both hotels are expected to open by spring 2010.

Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Building A will have safety glass that is more energy efficient and is also safer in the case of inclement weather. Over 30 escalators will be refurbished or replaced for greater efficiency. New roofs over Buildings A, B and C Concourses will meet new energy codes which will enhance energy efficiency. New overhead doors have been installed throughout the building.

Gwinnett Center: The center is adding a new parking deck, additional breakout rooms, 75,000 square feet of exhibit space and 250 seats to its theater.

Atlanta Marriott Marquis: The hotel has introduced 42,818 square feet of meeting space.. The hotel now offers 1,663 newly renovated guest rooms, as well as a renovated outdoor/indoor pool area. The hotel introduced two new dining concepts. A new 6,500-square-foot, state-of-the-art Fitness Center and The Spa at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis have also been added.

Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center: Three brand-new spaces have been unveiled, which include the Perimeter Grille Lounge, the Eisenhower meeting room and the 4,000-square-foot Perimeter Ballroom.

Chateau Elan Winery & Resort: A remodeling program of its two grand ballrooms and 19 meeting rooms in the 25,000-square-foot conference center was recently completed. The adjacent 18,000-square-foot atrium received a "French-styled" design and energy-efficient thermostats have been installed throughout the conference center.

Crowne Plaza Atlanta - Buckhead: Will open as the W Atlanta-Buckhead in November with 291 guest rooms and 7,000 square feet of meeting space.

Dolce Atlanta-Peachtree: A multimillion-dollar enhancement of the 233-room hotel, including the addition of a ballroom to the existing 67 meeting

rooms is underway after Dolce International acquired the hotel in 2007.

Emory Conference Center Hotel: The hotel recently completed a full renovation of all 198 guest rooms and is starting an expansion project to add 127 guest rooms and an additional 6,000 square feet of event space, bringing the center's total to 32,000 square feet.

Evergreen Marriott Resort & Conference Center: This resort introduced the 6,000-square-foot Stone Mountain Ballroom that opened spring 2008.

Grand Hyatt Atlanta: All 438 guest rooms are scheduled for full enhancement in 2009 and 30,000 square feet of meeting space that was recently renovated.

Hilton Atlanta : December will end a renovation of all 1,226 guest rooms and welcome a pedestrian bridge that will connect the property to other downtown hotels. In spring 2009 the hotel is planning to update meeting space to include adding additional meeting rooms and updating current meeting rooms.

Hyatt Regency Atlanta: The 1,260-room hotel is set to complete a renovation this summer that will add a new pedestrian bridge connecting the hotel to the Marriott Marquis, an overhaul of the 333 rooms in the International Tower and upgrades to the 9,150-square-foot International Ballroom and the 40,000-square-foot Grand Hall. Four new 1,500-square-foot breakout rooms will be added as well. All renovations will be completed by the end of this year.

JW Marriott Hotel Buckhead Atlanta: Completed a multimillion-dollar renovation of its 18,000-plus-square-feet of meeting spaces in late 2007.

Legacy Lodge & Conference Center at Lake Lanier Islands Resort (formerly Emerald Pointe Hotel): Recently opened, the new property marks the completion of the first phase of a 10-year, multimillion-dollar expansion project. The 23-room conference center at Legacy Lodge features 21,000 square feet of meeting space. The lodge features 221 guest rooms and six new 4,500-square-foot Legacy Villas are now open.

Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown: Has added flat-screen TVs to all 503 suites and in the process of redoing the lounge to create more of a "great room" atmosphere, upgrading the concierge level and creating one wireless Internet hot spot for the entire hotel.

Renaissance Concourse Hotel: The 387-room hotel just completed an extensive \$13 million renovation of its 35,000 square feet of meeting space, restaurant and bar, health club, public space and exterior.

Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Atlanta Airport: Announced a comprehensive renovation of the hotel's 13,000 square-foot conference center that included an updated contemporary design, a cutting-edge sound system, microfiber carpeting and new wall coverings. This completes a hotel-wide transformation valued at more than \$6 million, including major upgrades to all 395 guest rooms and common areas.

Sheraton Hotel Atlanta: In January, the hotel completed renovations to the 1,250-square-foot fitness center.

The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead: A \$38 million renovation of guest rooms and suites has been completed, increasing the total number of suites and reducing the number of guest rooms from 553 to 527. Guest rooms and suites feature new furnishings-many of which were custom designed.

TWELVE Hotel & Residences : Opened in 2007 with 102 one- and two- bedroom suites and meeting space for up to 120.

W Atlanta-Midtown: Has wrapped up a \$50 million redevelopment of the 28-story property, transforming it into a W property. The 466-room hotel features 30,000 square feet of meeting space.

Atlanta Braves Turner Field: Technology introduced allows organizations to showcase their name and logo on one of the world's largest high-definition video boards. More than 200,000 square feet of meeting space is available throughout the complex.

Brunswick

Brunswick & The Golden Isles of Georgia Convention & Visitors Bureau: Three new hotels opened along U.S. Interstate 95, Holiday Inn and Suites, Country Inn and Suites by Carlson and Courtyard by Marriott.

Dahlonega

Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau: Dahlonega is the home of the new Montaluce Winery and Estates, a 400-acre gated development featuring cottage-styled homes for rent surrounding the vineyards, as well as a 25,000-square-foot winery building that will include conference facilities, a tasting room, a restaurant, and an owners' club with climate-controlled wine storage and a rooftop terrace.

Forest Hills Mountain Resort & Conference Center: Resort underwent a recent renovation that included several group lodges, meeting rooms and dining facilities and added free wireless Internet access. The resort's conference center provides nearly 4,5000 square feet of space.

Dalton

Dalton Convention & Visitors Bureau: The James E. Brown Center of Dalton State College was recently opened and offers six training rooms that hold 30-35 people, a larger room with capacity for 85 attendees and two computer labs with 15 stations each. A 60-seat lecture hall will also be opening in the center.

NorthWest Georgia Trade/Convention Center: The addition of a full-service Holiday Inn hotel adjacent to the center is in the works. A renovation is underway at the center to match the look and feel of the new hotel.

Gainesville

Georgia Mountains Center: The 2,500-seat arena completed an upgrade in 2007 to the seating and carpet, added wireless Internet access, and upgraded the executive boardroom in which a new wet bar was added.

Hiawassee

Towns County Tourism Association: Crane Creek Vineyards and Winery has added a new pavilion for up to 150 guests with "breathtaking" mountain views.

The Ridges Resort & Club: Completed a renovation of all guest rooms at the lodge and villas and meeting space; added 10 golf villas with one- and two-bedroom; lake villas with one, two, three and four bedrooms; and six meeting rooms with more than 6,000 square feet of space.

Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island Club Hotel: A recent renovation project at the 157-room hotel featured refurbished public areas and guest rooms. The project also added 5,000 square feet of conference space to the existing ballroom.

Kingsland

Kingsland Convention & Visitors Bureau: The city is slated for a 84-room, 50,614-square-foot Best Western hotel to include an indoor/outdoor pool with spa, fitness room, breakfast area, boardroom, and meeting room.

Lake Lanier Islands

Lake Lanier Islands Resort: Underwent a \$500 million renovation that added cabins with six suites in a unit, all new furnishings in the main resort as well as a new lodge, a new family hotel and a shopping village.

Macon

Macon - Bibb County Convention & Visitors Bureau: The expansion project of the Harriet Tubman African American Museum, where 49,000 square feet of public space is being added, received gifts of more than \$2 million to its capital campaign to complete construction. The museum is over one-third of the way to its goal to complete the expansion. Six of the 12 galleries included in the new space will be available for groups.

McDonough

Henry County Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Locust Grove Conference Center is slated to open this month as a 15,000-square-foot facility that features the latest technology such as a ballroom with six flat-screen TVs, built-in video equipment and sound system. The center can host events for 12 to 400 people.

Milledgeville

Milledgeville - Baldwin Convention & Visitors Bureau: Ground was recently broken on a 73-room Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites next to Butler Ford on U.S. Hwy. 441. The facility is slated to open as early as mid-2009, according to local news reports.

Savannah

Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Jekyll Island State Park Authority and its redevelopment partner, Linger Longer Communities, are in the process of finalizing plans for Jekyll Island's new convention center, hotel and beach village with construction due to begin in 2008. The redevelopment plan will include a new convention center for Jekyll Island, as well as a 400-room convention hotel, residential cottages, a mixed-use village center with shops and dining and an Environmental Conservation Center. Also, Choice Hotels International recently announced that a 97-room Cambia Suites hotel at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport opened its doors to guests.

St. Simons Island

Epworth by the Sea: The new D. Abbott Turner Lodge has opened and offers waterfront views from all of its 73 room.

Ocean Lodge: Opened in April, the boutique property has 15 guest rooms, a business center and a boardroom with videoconferencing capabilities.

Warner Robins

Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau: The International Centre at West Towne Park recently debuted and includes a ballroom that can accommodate up to 200 guests for a seated dinner. The new Warner Robins Conference Center and Business Offices offers large and small conference rooms accommodating 20-500 guests. A LaQuinta Inn and Suites, with 67 rooms and a 40 person meeting room, recently opened, as well as an 83-room Candlewood Suites.

Young Harris

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa: This October, the 134-room resort welcomed a full-service spa that features treatment rooms, a retail area and men's and women's locker rooms.

Kentucky

Lexington

Crowne Plaza Lexington-The Campbell House: The hotel underwent renovations of its meeting space, totaling 17 meeting rooms with 26,791 square feet of space.

Four Points by Sheraton Lexington: Recently underwent a renovation that included a new banquet area. The hotel offers 9,578 square feet of meeting space.

Gratz Park Inn: A series of renovations, including the addition of a library and a first-floor lobby, a new palette of colors, carpeting, furnishings and touching up of guest bathrooms have been completed or being undertaken.

Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa: Recently invested \$20 million in hotel renovation, including the addition of Lexington's Spa at Griffin Gate, a facility added last year and the expansion of its meeting space to a total of 26,000 square feet of flexible event space through the addition of the Terrace Atrium and the Terrace Ballroom.

Hilton Suites Lexington Green: The 174-room hotel greeted 2007 with a new look after completing a renovation that included upgrades to its meeting rooms, totaling 1,560 square feet of meeting space.

Hyatt Regency Lexington: The hotel completed renovations of 366 guest rooms this year including new bedding and flat-panel TVs.

Kentucky Horse Park: Completed a major renovation/expansion project during 2007 with more projects underway this year, including a new 6,000-seat, climate-controlled indoor arena and a 267-room "luxury" hotel and conference center to be completed by 2010.

Louisville

Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau: More development is planned by 2010 when Louisville's downtown will be transformed with attractions such as the City Center entertainment district; a 22,000-seat arena; the Iron Quarter, a high-end retail center; and the 62-story skyscraper, Museum Plaza. Two new downtown hotels recently opened, including the room 135-room Fairfield Inn and Suites and 198-room

SpringHill Suites.

Kentucky Exposition Center: A North Wing/East Hall Reconstruction Project transformed 215,000 square feet of exhibit space into Class "A" space, replacing 96 columns with eight and elevating ceiling heights to 27 feet. The wing brings the expo center's total space to 885,000 square feet of public, meeting and exhibit space. A signature feature of the project is the new 35,000-square-foot grand lobby.

Kentucky International Convention Center: Recently completed renovations to its east wing, now called the north wing, the renovated space offers 'Class A' exhibit space.

Executive Inn Hotel: The Al J. Schneider Co. announced that it will close the inn this December with the building being turned over to the Kentucky State Fair Board. The building will be demolished and a 600-room convention hotel is now planned for the fairgrounds.

Executive West Hotel - Crowne Plaza Louisville: The 588-room hotel is set to be rebranded by the end of the year to a Crowne Plaza Hotel following a multi-million-dollar renovation.

Galt House Hotel & Suites: RIVUE restaurant brought a new dining experience to Louisville with its opening last year along with a lounge is located on the 25th floor of the hotel's West Tower. The opening of RIVUE caps a three-year, \$60 million renovation project that updated the 1,291-room hotel.

Holiday Inn Louisville Downtown: Completed renovations in its four meeting rooms and 5,000-square-foot ballroom.

The Brown Hotel: The 293-room property completed guest room upgrades with new carpet, Italian marble bathrooms and Camberley's dream beds, and has opened a new 5,000-square-foot conference center.

Louisiana

Alexandria

Paragon Casino Resort & Conference Center: The 580-room resort opened the Mari Center last March, which was part of a \$150 million expansion project that added an 8,000-square-foot ballroom and a showroom that can seat up to 2,500.

Baton Rouge

Hyatt Place Baton Rouge/1-10: Opened in March with 126 guest rooms and 1,200 square feet of meeting space.

Baton Rouge Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: The city will be the new location for a \$250 million Riviere Casino and Hotel project, after voters approved it recently. The CVB moved into a new building in May, and opened for business on June 2. New hotel projects include a 126-room Hyatt Place Baton Rouge/1-10, which opened in March with 1,200 square feet of meeting space.

Baton Rouge Marriott: The 300-room hotel recently completed a total renovation of its guest rooms and its 20,000 square feet of meeting space.

Holiday Inn Select Executive Center Baton Rouge: Will be re-branded as a Crowne Plaza Hotel by the

end of this year, after renovations that include updated bathrooms, the new Sleep Advantage bedding package and a fresh new decor in the lobby.

Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge: Completed an \$8.5 million renovation and entertainment venue expansion last February.

Kenner

Pontchartrain Center: Recently completed updates to the 73,243-square-foot facility.

Lafayette

Cajundome: The Mardi Gras Ballroom underwent a facelift this summer.

Holiday Inn Lafayette: Completed a facelift in 2007 that included remodeling all areas of the hotel's 14,000 square feet of meeting space and 242 guest rooms feature new amenities.

Lake Charles

Southwest Louisiana/Lake Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau: Sugarcane Bay Resort and Casino, a full-service resort, will open in 2009. Also, the newly expanded 45,000-square-foot Lake Charles Regional Airport is scheduled to open mid-2009. Downtown Lake Charles will be getting a makeover, with a new long-range Downtown Development Authority plan approved and the latest addition to the Audubon Golf Trail, The Reserve at Westlake, will open spring 2009. A 106-room Marriott - Springhill Suites is slated to open in December featuring 3,500 square feet of meeting space.

Inn on the Bayou: Will share the 650-square-foot meeting area with the under-construction, adjacent La Quinta Inn that is set to offer 75 guest rooms.

Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel: Planning to renovate its 493 guest rooms with similar warmer color palettes introduced at other Isle of Capri hotels.

L'Auberge du Lac Hotel & Casino Resort: Recently added an additional 250 guest rooms as well as a variety of upscale retail shops.

New Orleans

Louisiana's Northshore/St. Tammany Parish Tourist Commission: Abita Springs has moved its historic pavilion, formerly the centerpiece for the town's park, a little further along the Tammany Trace and away from the river. The 19th-century pavilion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and another historic building, the Longbranch Hotel bachelor quarters, were moved last fall to the new site as part of the museum and trailhead development project. The new museum opened in April and which will serve Abita as museum, with historic and art exhibits, and as a welcome center.

New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau: June was a busy month for the region, including the openings of the Audubon Insectarium, the largest free standing museum in the United States dedicated to insects, and the Southern Food and Beverage Museum (SoFAB) in the Riverwalk Marketplace. Also, the entire St. Charles Streetcar Line reopened, including the South Carrollton Avenue leg. June also brought the announcement of Hilton Hotels Corporation plans to redevelop the former Fairmont New Orleans, also known as "The

Roosevelt," as part of the Waldorf=Astoria Collection. Completion and opening is scheduled for late spring of 2009. The former Cosmopolitan Hotel in New Orleans has been renamed The Royal Cosmopolitan Hotel after a renovation and expansion project began to restore the property to its former historic grandeur.

New Orleans Morial Convention Center: With renovations recently completed, the 3.1 million-square-foot center features new flooring and furnishings on all three levels, "hotel-like" finishes and a "brighter, more engaging" environment.

Dauphine Orleans Hotel: Completed a total renovation of 111 guest rooms and public spaces this summer.

Fairmont Hotel New Orleans: The 500-room hotel has new owners and is slated to reopen as a Waldorf=Astoria after \$100 million in renovations.

Hilton New Orleans Riverside: Has received more than \$66 million for a series of ongoing improvements designed to complement the city's renaissance and revitalize the 30-year-old hotel. The renovations will continue through the end of 2008.

Hilton New Orleans St. Charles: Celebrated its grand opening last summer, and offers 250 guest rooms and 15,000-plus square feet of meeting space.

Holiday Inn Express Downtown French Quarter: Is undergoing renovations to the hotel's 374 guest rooms that has redone bedding and updating bathrooms.

Hotel New Orleans : Formerly a Holiday Inn Select, the 168-room hotel recently completed a renovation and conversion.

Hyatt Regency New Orleans: In late 2007, a deal was dropped to turn the hotel into the anchor project for a new 20-acre Jazz-themed park. New plans emerged in early 2008 by new investors to add 50,000 square feet of exhibit space and double the amount of ballroom space to support two groups of up to 600 attendees at one time. The hotel would continue to offer 1,184 guest rooms when it opens in 2009.

JW Marriott New Orleans: A California investment firm purchased the hotel in January and plans to update furniture in the guest rooms to complement the full renovation done to the hotel's public spaces five years ago.

New Orleans Marriott: Recently, the hotel unveiled a brand-new lobby, lounge, restaurant, as well as enhancements to its 1,329 guest rooms and 80,000 square feet of meeting space.

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel: A team of investors bought the hotel in April and plans over the next two years to renovate the 346-room hotel with 14,000 square feet of meeting space.

Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans: The 500-room hotel has introduced a new executive boardroom that includes custom-made furniture, touch-screen lighting and audio/visual controls, and 24/7 on-site tech support.

The Astor Crowne Plaza: A multimillion-dollar renovation program will beautify, improve and restore the

hotel's 707 guest rooms and 30,000 square feet of meeting space by November 2008.

The Hotel Monteleone: After a brief renovation in 2007, the 600-room hotel's Carousel Bar and Lounge reopened as one of the first non-smoking bars in the Crescent City.

Shreveport/Bossier City

Shreveport/Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau: A Days Inn Bossier City opened its doors in January that features 177 guest rooms, outdoor swimming and high speed wireless Internet access. Also, Bossier City will soon be home to Villaggio, a new lifestyle center that will offer a blend of retail, dining, office and residential districts and a 150-suite SpringHill Suites by Marriott Shreveport-Bossier City/Louisiana Downs.

Shreveport Convention Center: Completed in 2007, the facility offers 200,000 square feet of meeting space and has the attached 313-room Hilton Shreveport.

Clarion Hotel: In December the hotel completed a remodel of its 267 guest rooms, lobby and restaurant.

Hilton Shreveport: Connected to the Shreveport Convention Center, the new Hilton opened last summer with 313 guest rooms and a health spa.

Holiday Inn Shreveport West: All 225 guest rooms have been renovated, including 18 one-bedroom suites and four two-bedroom suites. Added a new sports-themed restaurant. Offers 4,700 square feet of meeting space. MUST KEEP IN PER PAM

Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, Shreveport-Bossier City: Country Music Television (CMT) has come together with the casino to open the first CMT Crossroads Bar, which encompasses 3,300 square feet with a stage, dance floor and a circular bar.

Mississippi

Choctaw

Hilton Garden Inn Choctaw: January brought the opening of this 140-room, full-service hotel with 2,400 square feet.

Bay St. Louis

Silver Slipper Casino: Opened in late 2006 with more than 30,000 square feet of gaming and the Casino Stage Bar performance lounge. A beach front, 24-pad RV park was recently added and property developers have recently signed an agreement to build a restaurant at the marina. Plans are also in the works for a marina, hotel, two new restaurants, entertainment venue, pool and spa.

Biloxi

Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau: Construction has begun on the Margaritaville Casino and Resort with completion planned for spring 2010. Plans call for 66,000 square feet of meeting space and 420 new hotel rooms added to the 278 existing rooms that will be fully renovated from the former Casino Magic property.

Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center: The expansion of the new exhibit hall and meeting rooms is well on its way with a completion date of October 2009, bringing the total meeting space to 375,000 square feet.

Bacaran Bay Casino Resort: In August, it was announced that the project is now being developed by Phoenix Gaming Group LLC, and will be renamed from the former Bacaran Bay Casino Resort. The development group has begun working on selecting a name, as well as a new design.

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino: Reopened August 2006 after a \$550 million renovation, the 3.2 million-square-foot resort/casino offers 50,000 square feet of flexible meeting space and 1,740 guest rooms and suites.

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Opened in July 2007 with a 1,500-capacity Hard Rock Live venue. The casino/hotel features a full-service spa and fitness center, and 318 guest rooms.

IP Hotel & Casino: A \$100 million renovation project was recently completed and included the addition of gaming space; additional convention and meeting rooms; and other amenities. The 1,086-room hotel/casino now offers a spa and salon, three lounge areas and the renovated IP showroom.

Isle of Capri Casino Resort: Isle of Capri executives recently announced they're ready to move ahead with a \$160 million expansion that will renovate its original hotel, remodel its convention area, and will add restaurant options. Completion is currently slated for 2010.

Gulfport

Courtyard by Marriott Gulfport: The hotel has opened its doors after a multimillion-dollar renovation with 148 fully refurbished guest rooms and more than 6,000 square feet of upgraded and expanded meeting facilities.

Diamondhead Resort: Tennis World, located within the 155-room, has renovated its tennis courts.

Island View Casino Resort : The two-year-old resort completed phase two in spring 2007 and now houses 560 guest rooms, 2,500 square feet of meeting space and 83,00 square feet of gaming space. Also new on the property is Emeril's Gulf Coast Fish House restaurant.

Hattiesburg

Historic Train Depot: Opened in 2007 after more than three years of renovations to the 1910 facility. Now offers 14,000 square feet of ballroom space that opens out to a canopied outdoor area.

Union Complex at The University of Southern Mississippi: The complex opened the Thad Cochran Center in 2007 with 237,000 square feet of meeting space, including a grand ballroom that can be divided into three rooms seating up to 300 each, 10 meeting rooms with a seating capacity of up to 175, two open prefunction rooms and a technology atrium.

Visit Hattiesburg: Numerous hotels are hitting the area, with others undergoing renovations, including a 84-room Residence Inn by Marriott, a 62-room Sleep Inn, a 109-room Candlewood Suites, a Holiday Inn and Suites that upgraded to a full-service hotel offering 3,000 square feet of meeting space and a Hilton Garden Inn that offers 1,600 square feet of meeting space and 90 guest rooms.

Jackson

Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau: Jackson Mississippi's Capital City Convention Center is under construction and on schedule for an early 2009 opening, completing phase two of the city's convention center district. Once the center is complete, the building will combine with the Mississippi Telecommunications Conference and Training Center to become the Jackson Convention Complex. The convention center portion will add a 90,000-square-foot multipurpose hall, bringing the exhibition space of the entire complex to more than 110,000 square feet. Construction is slated to begin on a \$209 million development across from the convention complex that will include luxury hotel, an extended-stay hotel, parking garages, retail and office space. This project is expected to be completed by mid-2009. Also under development is the King Edward Hotel, and slated for a mid-2009 opening. The building will include a 186-room Hilton Garden Inn, meeting rooms, a restaurant, a bar and ground-floor retail.

Southaven

DeSoto County Convention & Visitors Bureau: The new 121-room, full-service Holiday Inn Memphis - Southaven, featuring an exclusive VIP level, opened in April.

Tunica County

Myriad Botanical Resort: Plans are being made for the \$1.3 billion development, which is expected to include six planned casinos, 1,000 guest rooms, a 150,000-square-foot convention and exposition center with a 600-room hotel and a 5,000-seat entertainment arena.

Gold Strike Casino Resort: The 1,133-room casino resort offers a newly renovated 10,000-square-foot ballroom that can accommodate 650 people, banquet style.

Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall: The hotel has renovated 365 of its 850 guest rooms and suites.

Tupelo

Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau: A Comfort Suites is slated to open in 2009 that will include 80 suites, a business center, an exercise facility and a large conference room. The 110-room Hilton Garden Inn is adding 40 additional rooms plus 8 suites that is slated for completion by November.

BancorpSouth Conference Center: The BancorpSouth Conference Center opened in 2007 with 10,200 square feet of flexible meeting space that can accommodate 20-900 guests, within seven meeting rooms.

North Carolina

Concord

Lowe's Motor Speedway : Events can be held in the Speedway Club Clubhouse, which underwent a renovation recently, and The Drag Strip at Concord, which broke ground in February and will be the only four-laned rag strip in the United States, and will feature a 34,000-square-foot starting-line tower that includes 16 luxury suites and an additional 4,000 square feet of roof access for guests.

Asheville

Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau: The

Bohemian Hotel at Biltmore Village, which will feature 5,100 square feet of event space and 106 guest rooms and suites, scheduled to open this fall.

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa: Introduced a "luxury" shopping experience, that features four specialty boutiques. Also, will soon complete improvements and expansion of the 40,000-square-foot subterranean spa. The golf course has been refurbished. The renovation of the resort's 512 guest rooms is in process as well.

Chapel Hill

Rizzo Conference Center: The 120-room center recently completed a renovation and expansion and features 20,000 square feet of meeting space.

Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel: The 16,000 square feet of meeting space will feature a new look, complete with a hard and soft good makeover as part of a current renovation project. The hotel's 168 guest rooms will feature a new look as well, with new decor and furniture. Shula's Steak House will also open its 347 Grill at the hotel this fall.

Charlotte

Visit Charlotte: Busting with new developments, including the 30-acre North Carolina Music Factory, the 265,000-square-foot EpiCentre, a mixed-use project, and opening in 2010 the NASCAR Hall of Fame-connecting to the Charlotte Convention Center and offering groups 40,000-square-foot ballroom. Hotels coming online include a Ritz-Carlton, aloft and Twelve, all in Center City. In the south Charlotte area, in Mecklenburg County, several new hotels are slated for development, including the recently opened 120-room Hilton Garden Inn with more than 6,000 square feet of meeting space (opening in September); a 120-room SpringHill Suites by Marriott opening spring 2009 to include around 4,000 square feet of meeting space and an aloft hotel is also scheduled to break ground this fall adjacent to Ballantyne Resort hotel and Spa with 135 rooms in July 2009.

Charlotte Convention Center: The center will undergo an expansion of 70,000 additional square feet of meeting space, set for completion by late 2009.

Ballantyne Resort: The resort reopened the Golf Club—a championship, par 71 course—and added an outdoor pool to open in spring 2009. The resort has also upgraded its 249 guest rooms with flat-screen TVs.

Charlotte Marriott Executive Park: The 279-room hotel completed renovations in 2007, which also added a Starbucks to the property.

Hilton Charlotte Center City: A total renovation was started in 2006 and was completed in June. The scope of the renovation included all 400 guest rooms and suites, all 30,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, a new restaurant and lounge and all public areas of the hotel.

Hilton Charlotte Executive Park: The hotel recently completed a renovation that included the remodeling of all 181 guest rooms and seven meeting rooms and added new food and beverage outlets and a new self-service business center.

Omni Charlotte Hotel: The 374-room hotel recently

completed guest room renovations, with meeting rooms scheduled for renovation in the near future. The hotel features more than 16,000 square feet of meeting space.

Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel: A recent renovation included remodeling of all 275 guest rooms and new carpeting in the 19,500 square feet of meeting space.

The Blake Hotel: Converted from an Adam's Mark, the hotel is undergoing phase one of a renovation that will enhance, among other areas, the on-site restaurant. The second floor of the north tower has been transformed into a "world-class" spa and upcoming projects will include a facelift to meeting facilities.

Charlotte Marriott SouthPark Hotel: The 192-room hotel recently completed a renovation of its guest rooms and meeting space.

Concord

Cabarrus County Convention & Visitors Bureau: Six new hotels will open in 2009 in the county, increasing room availability by 700. One of the new properties to come online will be the 402-room Great Wolf Lodge, currently under construction, that will offer 16,000 square feet of meeting/banquet space.

Concord Convention Center & Embassy Suites Hotel: Opened in early 2007 overlooking the Rocky River Golf Club and featuring 42,000 square feet of event space, 308 two-room suites, an 11-story atrium with water features, a full-service spa, a fitness center, an indoor pool and whirlpool, full-service dining, and a café with a high-speed Internet access.

Durham

Hilton Garden Inn Durham Southpoint: Opened in January and includes 150 guest rooms and nearly 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Durham, Including Research Triangle Park

Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau: Bound for the city are a number of new developments such as a downtown revitalization project called Greenfire Development, the second phase of West Village redevelopment that will include a new Amtrak station, and a new research and development campus called Venable Center. The historic Durham Athletic Park is being renovated and could be the new corporate offices of the Minor League Baseball association. Hospitality developments, include a Hotel Indigo opening in late 2008 that will include 125 guest rooms; a Westin brand hotel opening in late 2008 with 207 guest rooms; and the 2009 conversion of the Hill Building into a downtown boutique hotel with 110 guest rooms.

Comfort Suites RTP/RDU: Currently undergoing a renovation to its 125 guest rooms with a slated completion around October. After the rooms meeting rooms and public areas are set to be renovated.

Doubletree Guest Suites: Recently refitted the lake-side tent with an interior fabric lining, complete air-conditioning, chandeliers, entrance doors and protective all-weather sides. Accommodates up to 200 guests.

Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club: The 271-room inn is enhancing landscaping and redoing seven

suites before the end of the year.

Fayetteville

Doubletree Hotel Fayetteville: The 148-room, full-service hotel, formerly the Fayetteville Hotel and Conference Center, underwent an \$8 million renovation project that enhanced guest rooms, meeting space, dining facilities and much more.

Holiday Inn - Bordeaux: The 289-room hotel contains 30,000 square feet of meeting space and is currently undertaking a renovation to be complete by the end of 2008 that will completely remodel guest rooms and public spaces. Also, one wing of the property will be set exclusively for business travelers.

Greensboro

Bryan Park Golf & Conference Center: Undergoing renovations such as golf course enhancements to be completed in March and a "face lift" to its 22,000-square-foot full-service, events facility.

Doubletree Hotel Greensboro: 2007 brought the newly renovated full-service hotel from a former Howard Johnson property. The hotel sits adjacent to the 250,000-square-foot Joseph S. Koury Convention Center and offers 175 guest rooms and 4,400 square feet of meeting space.

Proximity Hotel: The 147-room hotel offers 7,000 square feet of event space and was built to use 40 percent less energy and 30 percent less water than comparable properties, and has a sustainable design and construction that follows the U.S. green guidelines.

Hickory

Hickory Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau: Recently welcomed a new 65-seat digital planetarium that enables audiences to explore the rings of Saturn, volcanoes, the depths of the oceans, the human body and more.

Pinehurst/Southern Pines/Aberdeen Area

Pinehurst Resort: Pinehurst No. 1, the oldest layout in the stable of courses at Pinehurst Resort, reopened this spring following a \$1.7 million renovation.

Raleigh

Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau: Welcomed a new way-finding program directing visitors by 250 signs being erected in the downtown area and a downtown shuttle will be starting operations this fall for convention delegates. New hotels include the Marriott Raleigh City Center, which opened in August and is the headquarters hotel for the new Raleigh Convention Center. Other hotels slated to open in the coming months include the 229-room Renaissance Raleigh Hotel North Hills, Westin Raleigh Soleil Center in summer 2009 with 290 guest rooms, and the 2009 openings of a 170-room Embassy Suites and an eSuites Hotel offering 150 two-room suites.

Raleigh Convention Center: The 500,000-square-foot facility opened in September to groups of 50 to 5,000 with a 150,000-square-foot exhibit hall, 16 meeting rooms and a grand ballroom with a seating capacity of 2,400.

Embassy Suites Hotel - Raleigh Crabtree: Underwent a renovation that upgraded all 225 guest rooms, public areas and 3,000 square feet of event

space.

Hilton North Raleigh: Completed an extensive renovation to its 351 guest rooms and 30,000 square feet of meeting space.

Holiday Inn - Brownstone, Raleigh Downtown: Recently added Tempur-pedic mattresses, granite vanities and Rainfall showerheads in all of its 187 guest rooms.

Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel: Opened in August as the headquarters hotel for the new Raleigh Convention Center and features 14,900 square feet of meeting space and 400 guest rooms.

Renaissance Raleigh North Hills: Slated to open in November with 229 guest rooms and 8,000 square feet of meeting space.

Sheraton Raleigh Hotel: Completed a total renovation, with new carpet, furniture, lighting packages, desks, 32-inch flat-panel TVs in 353 enhanced guest rooms. Items slated to be renovated in coming months include the restaurant, the bar, and the front desk areas.

Rocky Mount

Doubletree Hotel Rocky Mount: The hotel with 10,000 square feet of meeting space wrapped up renovations to its 166 guest rooms this summer.

Rocky Mount Visitors Bureau: The Doubletree Hotel Rocky Mount opened this summer with 166 guest rooms and suites that have been completely refurbished to include the brand's signature "sleep experience" and complimentary wireless high-speed internet access throughout the hotel. A variety of residential-styled amenities also have been added to include refrigerators and microwaves, and 32-inch LCD flat-screen TVs with in-room movies, music and games. The hotel is adjacent to the Gateway Convention Center, offering more than 10,000 square feet of combined meeting and banquet space.

Wilmington

Wilmington/Cape Fear Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau: New properties on the scene include a 125-room Hampton Inn Eastwood and a 111-unit, all-suite TownePlace Suites. The University of North Carolina Wilmington's nonprofit, fundraising arm announced this year that it is seeking someone to build a hotel and conference center across the street from campus on school owned land. The university's foundation has released a request for proposals for a hotel that would include 150 to 200 rooms and at least 20,000 square feet of space for a continuing education and conference center.

Wilmington Convention Center: The first quarter of 2010 is slated for the unveiling of the new center, that will include a 581-space parking deck, the capacity to host events of 1,000-1,500 people, a 12,000 square foot grand ballroom, 30,000 square feet of exhibit space, 1,800 square feet of board room/meeting space and 12,000-plus square feet of prefunction space. A 157-room Hotel Indigo will also be built immediately adjacent to the center. A 100-room room expansion of the existing Best Western Hotel is also planned.

Hilton Wilmington Riverside: Completed a renova-

tion that includes the creation of a new signature restaurant, "innovations," which opened in February and serves authentic "Low Country" cuisine.

Winston-Salem

Graylyn International Conference Center: The historic estate has renovated its 2,000-square-foot Gardener's Cottage that now features four guest rooms and a parlor area with antiques, custom furniture, plasma screen TVs and wireless Internet access.

Delta Arts Center: Moved into a new 4,763-square-foot renovated building, which is more than three times the size of its former home and offers 1,493 square feet of exhibition space and a loading dock that can double as a classroom.

Wrightsville Beach

Blockade Runner Beach Resort Hotel: The 150-room resort, with 6,000 square feet of meeting space, completed a renovation this spring that included a makeover of its East restaurant.

Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Wrightsville Beach: The 184-room resort completed a major renovation in April 2007 that upgraded all 184 guest rooms.

Oklahoma Ardmore

Ardmore Visitors Bureau: Developers are planning a \$40 million, 150-room hotel with a spa and resort-quality facilities at Oklahoma's Lake Murray State Park. Plans call for renovations of existing cabins and the lodge along the lake as well as the addition of a hotel. The project could be completed as early as 2010.

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau: Six hotels will be opening this year throughout the city, including a SpringHill Suites, Hilton Garden Inn and Holiday Inn Express.

Best Western Saddleback Inn & Conference Center: Renovations to make its 220 guest rooms more business friendly began in April and offers new Serta bedding packages, electronic safes and ergonomic chairs.

Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Convention Center: An anticipated October opening is set for the 283-room property in the new University North Park development. The facilities represent 75,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City: Recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation to restore it to the 225-room Oklahoma City landmark to the state that it once was.

Oklahoma State Fair Park: Upgrades to the tune of \$60 million, which began two years ago, will be completed in a little over a year and include the renovation and expansion of current facilities.

Tulsa

Tulsa Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Atlas Life building in Tulsa is slated to undergo a makeover from office space into a 120-room Courtyard by Marriott. SJS Hospitality plans to spend up to \$15 million over the next 11 to 17 months to convert the Art Deco landmark. Another meeting property, Cain's Ballroom,

recently completed numerous interior updates, including opening up the ceiling to its original height, rest-room renovations and the opening of Bob's, a companion bar next door.

Tulsa Convention Center: The center is currently undergoing a renovation that, when completed in late 2009, will include a new 30,000-plus-square-foot ballroom and an additional 15,000 square feet of meeting space that brings the total number of breakout rooms to 35. The renovated center will house more than 250,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 102,000-square-foot exhibition hall and an 8,900-seat arena.

Tulsa Exposition Center Complex: Expo Square opened Central Park Hall in late March and the Exchange Center will be completed in September just before the fair. Central Park Hall has more than 43,000 square feet of exhibit space, which includes a Mezzanine overlooking the show floor. 58,500 square feet of meeting space, three meeting rooms and two show offices will be housed in the Exchange Center.

Bank of Oklahoma Center: The 18,500-seat BOK Center, a 550,000-square-foot multipurpose arena, celebrated its grand opening in September and will be the home to the Tulsa Talons and the Tulsa Oilers.

Cherokee Casino & Resort: The casino is undergoing a \$125 million expansion that will be completed late next year. Among the additions is a high-rise tower with an additional 200 suites, a resort spa, an additional fine-dining restaurant and an upscale, urban penthouse nightclub. Inside the new resort will be Toby Keith's 400-seat "I Love This Bar and Grill," and connecting to the bar and grill will be a 2,000-seat event center.

Crowne Plaza Tulsa: Completing the final phase of a renovation, which included more than 38,000 square feet of meeting space.

Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place: The following a multimillion-dollar renovation that was finalized last year, the 370-room hotel has remodeled all guest room bathrooms.

Doubletree Hotel Tulsa Downtown: Is finalizing the latest renovation, which includes upgrades throughout the entire 417-room property that offers space for groups of up to 1,100.

Hilton Tulsa Southern Hills: New features and amenities were added thanks to a recent renovation, including new luxury suites, a remodeled restaurant and bar, a new lobby cafe and a new preferred-guest lounge on the top floor. The 284 guest rooms also feature flat-screen, plasma TVs, as well as new furniture and carpet, and remodeled bathrooms. Other upgrades include a remodeled exercise room and a new enclosed, heated pool.

Holiday Inn Select: Added new banquet chairs in 2007 and will have a number of updates to announce by the end of 2008, including new carpet throughout. The 313-room hotel offers 14,000-square feet of meeting space.

Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills: Recently expanded and remodeled its health club and is beginning a renovation effort that will include guest room corridors,

383 guest rooms and the lobby.

South Carolina

Beaufort

Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce: The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center is open at its new location at the Beaufort Town Center.

Charleston

Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

The city welcomed aloft Charleston Airport and Convention Center that features 136 guest rooms and 526 square feet of meeting space, as well as the 128-suite Hilton Charleston - Airport/Convention Center that has meeting space to accommodate up to 80 people. Also, at Lowndes Grove, a renovation and expansion is underway that will include the facility's event space, including a 750-square-foot piazza, in the main house and the river house will be remodeled to reflect the estate's history and landscape. Currently six guest suites are open but more than 60 guest rooms will be available in late 2009.

Best Western Charleston Downtown: The former Ashley River Inn underwent a renovation summer 2007 where all 150 guest rooms were renovated with upscale amenities from new carpet to new oversized beds.

Charleston Riverview Courtyard by Marriott:

Opened in 2007 as the first full-service Marriott in Charleston after a conversion that touched the hotels 340 guest rooms and more than 14,000 square feet of meeting space.

Embassy Suites Historic Charleston: In 2007, all the hotel's guest rooms, 153 in total, were revamped.

Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport: Recently added a wooden boardwalk over the wetlands that separate the hotel from the convention center.

Kiawah Island Golf Resort: Kiawah's Ocean Course welcomed a 24,000-square-foot clubhouse in July that features more than 3,000 square feet of meeting space, including the Atlantic Room restaurant and The Ryder Cup Bar and a veranda with two fireplaces for outdoor dining is also available.

The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort: Recently added a new golf club and earned a Five-Diamond award. The resort features 255 guest rooms and 42,000 square feet of meeting space.

Columbia

Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau:

New meeting facilities include the Medallion Conference Center, which opened this summer, featuring 47,000 square feet of meeting space, in-house catering service and rental car opportunities.

Columbia

Courtyard Columbia Downtown AT USC: A recent redesign to the hotel's lobby added a full-service restaurant, lounge and marketing place, business center and front desk area. A total renovation of the property's 189 guest rooms added 16 suites and now offers the latest Marriott bedding package, 32-inch flat-screen TVs, refrigerators and complimentary wireless Internet access.

Sheraton Downtown Columbia: A 135-room hotel with a "boutique feel" that features a restaurant, four bars including one on the rooftop and a Starbucks in the lobby opened in July.

Florence

Florence Civic Center: More than \$700,000 was spent on major capital improvements, including the renovation of the former exhibit hall into a ballroom with designer carpeting, drywall, crown molding, mirrors, acoustical panels, original artwork and 1,000 new banquet chairs. The three adjacent meeting rooms have also been refurbished and the food service area has been upgraded with new equipment and renovations. The building also now offers high-speed Internet access throughout.

Greenville

Carolina First Center: The center has undergone a series of renovations and upgrades such as a new entrance, expansion of the ballroom and improved accessibility between exhibit halls.

Hyatt Regency Greenville: Guest room, suites and meeting space renovation with accommodations now featuring the Hyatt Grand Bed and flat-panel TVs was recently completed.

Hilton Head Island

Crowne Plaza Hilton Head Island Beach Resort:

Revamped the property's fitness areas, refurbished the guest room furniture and the ballroom's carpet. The resort has 20,000 square feet of meeting space and 340 guest rooms.

Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa: Completed a makeover, adding a 6,400-square-foot spa and a newly improved fitness center.

Hilton Oceanfront Resort : A refreshed meeting space totaling 14,000 square feet greets groups at this 324-room property.

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa:

Unveiled a spa expansion summer 2007 at the 412-room resort with 28,000 square feet of meeting space.

Myrtle Beach

Caribbean Resort and Villas: The Dominican Tower was recently renovated and a new tower, the Cayman, is open with two-, three- and four-bedroom luxury units. The 330-room resort offers five meeting rooms.

Myrtle Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

Myrtle Beach is now home to the world's first Hard Rock Park, a 140-acre music-themed amusement park affiliated with Hard Rock Café. The rock-and-roll themed park opened earlier this year with more than 40 attractions, a multipurpose live-music amphitheater with state-of-the-art sound, roller coasters, children's play areas, restaurants, cafés and retail stores. Also, The newly opened Market Commons is located on the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. The Market Common will be the Grand Strand's first urban village—a mixed-use residential and retail development that offers restaurants and retail stores. Among the newest resort properties set to open in Myrtle Beach is North Beach Plantation and Spa, a new development planned for a January 2009 opening that will feature a 800-1,000 condo resort along with a luxury spa and a fitness center. On-site conference space will cater to

corporate retreats.

Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation: Starting this month, the hotel will start phase two of its renovation project that is slated for completion by first quarter 2009. Renovations will include a total makeover of its 950 guest rooms. Phase one included upgrades of all meeting and conference rooms, common areas and restaurants, including a lobby Starbucks and two full-service restaurants.

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort: The 385-room resort recently upgraded meeting facilities and added the new 14,400-square-foot Kingston Shores Conference Center that connects to the hotel's existing meeting space via covered walkway.

Island Vista: Previously Sea Island on the Beach, the recently renovated resort offers approximately 2,300 square feet of conference space and 149 guest rooms.

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes: This newly opened 197-unit property offers 25,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space, two championship golf courses and private-beach access.

Ocean Dunes/Sand Dunes Resort & Conference Center:

An all-new look to the 20,000-square-foot conference center includes webcam broadcasting, LCD monitors and a new audio system, in addition to many physical upgrades. A second phase of renovations is anticipated by March 2009 and includes a new business center, executive boardroom and group hospitality rooms. The adjoining resort hotel and villas have seen newly renovated lobbies, restaurants and public areas, plus wireless Internet throughout.

North Charleston

aloft Charleston Airport & Convention Center: The 136-room hotel recently opened with more than 520 square feet of meeting space.

North Myrtle Beach

North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce: Replacing the existing Cherry Grove Manor, the new 221-unit Towers On the Grove will be a luxury oceanfront resort situated on more than 500 feet of coastline in the heart of the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach. The first phase is set to open by late this year.

Bay Watch Resort: Bay Watch Resort offers luxurious studio; two-, three- and four-bedroom suites; and 6,500 square feet of renovated meeting space.

Premier Resorts @ Barefoot: The 300-unit golf resort opened a 17,000-square-foot Lakeside Conference Center this year.

Pawleys Island

Pawleys Plantation Golf & Country Club: The 150-room property recently added a Fitness Room with Precor equipment.

Tennessee

Franklin/Nashville

Franklin Marriott Cool Springs Hotel & Cool Springs Conference Center: Recently renovated its 29,000-square-foot conference center.

Chattanooga

Chattanooga Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

Officials in Chattanooga recently approved the development of a mixed-use project that is set to include retail space, a 190-room Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton, and a new Chattanooga Regional History museum, according to local news reports. A two-level, 170-space parking garage is also planned for the project. A 127-room Hyatt Place East Brainerd has been approved for the area as well.

Chattanooga Choo Choo - Holiday Inn: Renovation plans call for facelifts of the hotel's 363 guest rooms and public spaces to prepare the hotel for its 2009 centennial. Public space renovations are slated for completion this month and the hotel will operate under the Historic Hotels of America brand in 2009, not as a Holiday Inn.

Gatlinburg

Gatlinburg Department of Tourism & Convention Center: Construction plans are calling for a new, multimillion-dollar mixed-use development that will include an indoor and outdoor water parks, four hotels, four retail villages, and more to be built on about 100 acres of land.

Brookside Resort: Now offers a new state-of-the-art meeting room for groups of up to 200. With the new space, the property now offers 5,000 square feet of meeting space within three rooms.

Park Vista Hotel & Convention Center: The 312-room property, which offers more than 25,000 square feet of meeting space, has recently designated \$3 million to update the public areas and guest rooms.

Ramada Inn Four Seasons & Convention Center: On-site the property offers 147 guest rooms, 8,200 square feet of meeting space and a new full-service restaurant and lounge that opened in 2007 called '5 o'clock Somewhere'.

Reagan Resorts Inn: Recently wrapped up a renovation to its 900-square-foot meeting room and continues to complete renovations to its 63 guest rooms.

The Edgewater Hotel & Conference Center: Recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation. The 205-room property now offers 5,200 square feet of conference space and added a 2,000-square-foot junior ballroom, a restaurant and room service.

Johnson City

Freedom Hall Civic Center: Preparing for renovations, thanks to an appropriation of city funds, which is set to include the replacement of spotlights, new telescopic seating with chairs, and a new portable basketball floor.

Best Western Hotel & Conference Center Johnson City: The 180-room hotel is updating and refurbishing the restaurant and lounge with new hardwood floors and amenities. Also refurbishing interior corridor rooms, ballroom and 4,700 square feet of meeting space areas as well.

Doubletree Johnson City: Renovations to guest the hotels 184 guest rooms have recently been completed, including the installation of a new granite spa look on the vanities, new tile and all new curved shower rods in bathrooms.

Knoxville

Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation: A city icon, the SunSphere, reopened to the public this summer for the first time since 1999. The 266-foot tower has opened an observation deck, but plans are in the making for a restaurant, event space and offices. The amphitheater will also reopen this fall. The yacht Volunteer princess, located on the Tennessee River, is offering public dinner and brunch cruises as well. Hotels that have recently opened include the 72-room Comfort Suites North Knoxville, which includes a 403-square-foot boardroom. In transportation news, the McGhee Tyson Airport has been selected by Allegiant Air to add a nonstop flight to Fort Lauderdale starting November 2007.

Thompson - Boling Arena: The first major renovation to the arena since it opened in 1987 includes the construction of Pratt Pavilion, which will house two full size gymnasiums, and 32 new suites and loge seating with 166 side court seats.

Crowne Plaza Knoxville: Features 197 newly renovated guest rooms with complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access.

Hilton Knoxville: A renovation completed in June included newly installed flat-panel TVs in all 317 guest rooms, fiber optic lines for complimentary high-speed wireless Internet, and granite countertops in all guest baths.

Holiday Inn Knoxville Central : Recently updated with new carpeting and the 240 guest rooms received new wall treatments, bath fixtures, vanities, and the upgraded Holiday Inn bedding. The hotel converted 22 king rooms to double rooms as well.

Holiday Inn Select Downtown at Convention Center: Features 6,630 square feet of meeting space and continues to upgrade to meet all of the Holiday Inn standards, including enhancements to its 293 guest rooms.

Lebanon

Wilson County Convention & Visitors Bureau: Recently welcomed a 108-room Hampton Inn and Suites with 1,040 square feet of meeting space and The Holiday Inn Express with 82 guest rooms and 1,200 square feet of meeting space.

Memphis

Hyatt Regency Memphis Hotel & Spa: The hotel will feature 250 rooms, two restaurants, a coffee shop, a spa, a fitness and workout facility, 10th-floor swimming pool and sundeck, and more than 22,500 square feet of meeting space, including a 7,500-square-foot ballroom. Hotel is slated to open in early 2010.

Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau: A full-service "next-generation" Holiday Inn hotel in the Wolfchase Galleria Mall is slated to offer 130-plus rooms and offer 1,800 square feet of banquet and meeting space. The 28-room River Inn of Harbor Town opened its doors in October 2007 and offers a boutique, "New Orleans-styled" lodging experience close to the Mississippi River in downtown's Harbor Town neighborhood.

Embassy Suites Memphis: Just completed a renovation of its 220 guest rooms that included everything from new case goods and TVs to art work and lighting

fixtures.

Holiday Inn Select Downtown: Recently began phase two of a long-term renovation project that will include a complete renovation of the hotel lobby, corridors and all 190 guest rooms.

Memphis Marriott Downtown: Completed a guest room update late last year that encompassed all 400 rooms in the King Tower, formally known as the South Tower, along with the Concierge Lounge and Executive Suites.

The Peabody Memphis: As part of a collaboration with Jack Daniel's brand whiskey, The Peabody Memphis hotel has created a Jack Daniel's banquet bar for meetings and events.

Murfreesboro

Embassy Suites Hotel Murfreesboro & Conference Center : Opening its doors in September, this new facility features 283 suites and more than 43,000 square feet of meeting space. Its 28,000-square-foot ballroom is the third largest in the Greater Nashville market.

Nashville

Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau: Recently received funding approval to build a new convention center, Music City Center, that will take the place of the existing Nashville Convention Center and will house 1.2 million square feet of space, including 375,000 square feet of exhibit space-three times the current facilities'. In other city news, a new event space has opened in the heart of downtown called one eleven that offers a 4,500-square-foot rooftop space with the ability to accommodate groups up to 300 guests. Hyatt Place opened its fifth Nashville area hotel in April, the Hyatt Place Nashville/Franklin/Cool Springs with 126 guest rooms and two meeting rooms that total 1,035 square feet. Hotel projects slated for 2009 include the 197-room Hotel Palomar at Signature Tower offering 5,100 square feet of meeting space and a 168-room Element Hotel; a 180-room aloft hotel is slated to open in October; and a 336-room Westin is slated to break round in 2009. One eleven, a new special events venue in downtown Nashville opened earlier this year with nearly 5,000 square feet of meeting space.

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center Nashville: Is set to add more than 400,000 square feet of convention and meeting space and a new 400-room luxury all-suite hotel adjacent to the facility, bringing total offerings to 3,281 hotel rooms and more than 1 million square feet of space. Completion is scheduled for 2011.

Doubletree Hotel Nashville: The hotel's lobby, 331 guest rooms, meeting facilities, and pool and have all been part of a multimillion-dollar renovation that touched the entire property. Swank's Martini and Wine Bar, which accommodates 75 people, has upgraded to include a stage.

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel: The 340-room hotel is undergoing a complete guest room facelift that is set to include plush bedding, towels and guest robes.

Nashville Airport Marriott: Completed renovations of all its 25,000 square feet of meeting space with "brightly colored, plush" carpeting, wall vinyl, new furniture and appointments and refreshed air walls.

Renaissance Nashville Hotel: A renovation was recently completed and included the redecoration of meeting rooms and 673 guest suites.

Sheraton Music City Hotel: Meeting space renovations have taken place at the 410-room hotel that features 32,000 square feet of meeting space.

Nashville/Franklin

Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Arrington Vineyards and Winery opened recently, owned by Kix Brooks of the music group Brooks and Dunn.

Pigeon Forge

Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism: Belle Island Village is a \$114 million, 26-acre, themed development coming to Pigeon Forge with retail, hospitality and entertainment venues. The pedestrian-friendly complex will include-as anchor attractions-the permanent location of the Debbie Reynolds' Hollywood Motion Picture Museum and Darrell Waltrip's Racing Experience and will include on-site meeting space, restaurants, more than 90 unique retail shops and a 130-room upscale hotel with services.

Holiday Inn Resort of Pigeon Forge: The 206-room, recently renovated property is set to open a 7,600-square-foot conference center this October. Guest rooms have all new lines, carpeting, furniture and now offer a microfridge and microwave.

MainStay Suites: The 129-room is in its "second season" of hosting groups within its new 10,000-square-foot convention center.

RiverStone Resort & Spa: Spa opened in 2007 with 3,600 square feet of meeting space in a grand ballroom fit for up to 300 and divisible into three equal sections, and 120 condo units in one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom layouts with all offering full kitchens. On-site options include a spa with organic treatments, a fitness facility, and an indoor and outdoor pool.

Sherwood Forest Resort & Conference Center: This past June marked the one-year anniversary of the opening of a new 5,000-square-foot conference center. Accommodations are provided through "luxurious log cabins" totaling 150 guest rooms.

The Inn at Christmas Place: Opened in 2007, the 145-room inn offers a conference center with five meeting rooms and a theater-styled seating capacity of 120.

Sevierville

Wilderness at the Smokies: This summer brought the opening of the 234-room resort, which is connected to the Sevierville Events Center. An outdoor water park, reserved exclusively for resort guests, offers such attractions as a 207-foot tube slide. The resort offers meeting facilities for up to 200 and an on-site restaurant.

Sevierville Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Shoppes at Bridgemont and Bridgemont Commons are scheduled to open in 2009. This will be upscale retail, restaurant and entertainment. Another shopping facility will open in late 2009 or early 2010 called Dumplin Creek.

Sevierville Events Center at Bridgemont: In September 2007, Sevierville opened the new Sevierville Events Center at Bridgemont. The center offers a 108,000-square-foot exhibit hall and a 20,000-square-foot ballroom.

Smoky Mountain

Smoky Mountain Convention & Visitors Bureau for Blount County: Officials recently initiated a green tourism program "Low Impact Vacation," with the goal "to create a sustainable tourism program that will continue to allow tourism to thrive" in the community, while "at the same time promoting the 'Peaceful Side of the Smokies'" and maintaining their heritage and culture.

Texas

Amarillo

Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council: New in 2007 are the 160-room Drury Inn and Suites and the extended-stay Value Place. A Hilton Garden Inn, a Holiday Inn Express and a new Choice Hotel property opened this year.

Arlington

Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau: InterContinental Hotels Group recently opened a 147-room Holiday Inn Arlington-Northeast as part of the chain's re-branding campaign that features contemporary design and better service. It will be the second Holiday Inn to feature the Sporting News Grill. It also will offer 2,400 square feet of meeting space, a media room with a 62-inch television with surround sound, and complimentary airport shuttle service. In development news, the city will soon be home to the National Football League's (NFL) Dallas Cowboys stadium, which will be a premier, state-of-the-art complex slated for completion in 2009.

Hilton Arlington: Completed a two-year renovation in May of 2007, and all 309 guest rooms showcase dark wood decor, premium bedding, and floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the outdoor pool or the amusement park.

Athens

Athens Welcome Center: The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center just completed a 14,000-square-foot conservation center that includes classroom space and a lab, a conference center, a game warden museum and a catering kitchen.

Austin

Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau: A major focal point of upcoming development and expansion is the planned Marriott Hotel Complex recently announced by White Lodging Services Corporation that will include two Marriott-branded hotels and add 1,000 rooms to the downtown hotel inventory. Together, they will offer 50,000 square feet of function space. Construction is slated for completion in 2010. Also slated for completion in 2010 is the 160-room Seaholm Plaza Hotel, a part of a planned redevelopment of the 7.8-acre Seaholm site. Scheduled for completion in 2009, a new W hotel will anchor a \$225 million project in the Second Street District, which will be the home to the new Austin Children's Museum, new studios for "Austin City Limits," and a nightclub co-owned by the television show's pilot star, Willie Nelson.

AT&T Executive Education & Conference Center: This summer saw the opening of the center that offers 40,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 300-

seat tiered amphitheater, a 10,000-square-foot divisible ballroom, three 90-seat tiered classrooms, four 65-seat tiered classrooms, five conference rooms and 12 breakout rooms. Three restaurants and 297 guest rooms also serve the center.

Barton Creek Resort & Spa: Slated for completion by the end of the year, an extensive renovation is underway at the 303-room resort that includes renovated guest rooms, meeting space, lobby bar and grill.

Crowne Plaza Austin North Central : This year the hotel is completing a renovating of the main ballroom of 8,800 square feet with new carpet, vinyl, chandeliers and wall sconces. Complete \$8 million renovation in 2006/2007. Entire hotel was renovated; including all 293 guest rooms with new sleeping package, executive lounge, lobby, front desk, pool, exercise room, and restaurant and lounge.

Four Seasons Hotel Austin: The 291-room property unveiled a new 5,500-square-foot spa, The Spa at Four Seasons, in 2007.

Hyatt Regency - Austin: A grand opening was recently celebrated for the Marker 10 lobby bar, as renovations were also completed on the hotel's fitness center, Perks Coffee and More and guest rooms, with renovations to ballrooms, reception area and suites remaining. The 448-room hotel also welcomed SWB, a Southwest Bistro in July.

Lakeway Resort & Spa: Situated on the shores of Lake Travis, the 166-room resort reopened in 2007 after a renovation of the existing property. A full-service spa, swimming pools, fitness center, new restaurants and additional meeting space were also added. The resort now features 24,000 square feet of meeting space.

Renaissance Austin Hotel: The hotel has become Austin's largest in-house meeting facility with the addition of 7,000 square feet of meeting space, bringing the total meeting space to 67,000 square feet. The property also completed a renovation in 2007.

The Driskill Hotel: Work is underway once again to freshen up the 189 guest rooms. The hotel launched this latest \$4.5 million project in January with cosmetic changes to the hotel's 1886 Café and Bakery. The crux of the renovation has moved to the 1930s-era, 12-story "traditional" tower of the hotel and then progressed to the original "historical" section in July. All guest rooms and six suites have also received complete makeovers in September.

Beaumont

Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau: A number of new properties have come online in Beaumont, including an 80-room Candlewood Suites, a 74-room Comfort Inn and Suites, which offers one meeting room with seating room for 28 people, a 133-room Residence Inn Marriott with a 735-square-foot meeting room, and a Studio 6 with 72 guest rooms. The Travel Lodge has undergone a renovation project that renovated/built a guest self-laundry facility, a pool, a fitness center and a breakfast room. All rooms have also been completely remodeled into suites with new color schemes and layouts. The city has released plans for a downtown waterfront development and revitalization project developing 9.3 acres of waterfront property that will include a new event center, an

outdoor theater, a waterway grand promenade and a marina and harbor connecting the development to the Neches River. Also, Gator Country Adventure Park has recently expanded their offerings to include a 8,000-square-foot restaurant complete with a bar, party/meeting room and children's playground, and the Beaumont Botanical Gardens has added 9,000 square feet of reception/banquet facilities. The Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is also now open.

Beaumont

Hilton Garden Inn: This 100-room hotel offers three meeting rooms, including a ballroom with 1,650 square feet of space and is divisible by two.

Brownsville

Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc.: The Homewood Suites Brownsville recently opened with 86 suites, a sports court, an outdoor pool with a hot tub, and a 640-square-foot meeting room.

UTB - Fort Brown Memorial Center: Recently underwent renovations to spruce up its appearance and includes four meeting rooms with a capacity of 1,500, theater style, or 1,600 with balcony seating.

Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau: Newport Beach and Golf club is located outside of Corpus Christi on Mustang Island and is an emerging 1,800-acre resort set to open in stages in the coming years. The first phase of the resort community will offer an Arnold Palmer Signature Course named Newport Dunes.

Dallas

Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau: In mid-August, the Dallas City Council voted to authorize the development of a convention center hotel adjacent to the Dallas Convention Center that is currently planned to include 1,000 guest rooms and at least 100,000 square feet of meeting space. Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, a multi-venue facility, is slated to open in 2009. Work continues on the development of the 72-acre Victory Park in Uptown Dallas, where a new Ritz-Carlton property has opened. Also on the horizon is the 120-room Mandarin Oriental, set to open in 2009, also in Victory Park.

Great Wolf Lodge: A resort hotel and indoor water park complex is set to open in mid-March 2009 with 409 guest rooms and 16,000 square feet of meeting space.

Hilton Anatole: Completed a \$57 million renovation transforming most of the property's meeting space, public areas and the 700 guest rooms. This marks the second phase of a three-year renovation project representing a total investment in excess of \$100 million.

Hotel ZaZa: Following several months of renovations, Dragonfly at Hotel ZaZa restaurant has reopened.

Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion: This June, officials with the hotel partnered with Chef Wolfgang Puck to operate a new restaurant atop of Reunion Tower, expected to open in 2009. The 50-story building, noted for its sphere-shaped pinnacle, is located adjacent to the hotel.

Hyatt Regency DFW: The hotel by DFW International

Airport in Texas completed a \$32 million renovation in summer 2007 completing the transformation of all 811 guest rooms, bathrooms and corridors.

Le Meridien : Most recently operated as the Prava Suites by the Galleria, the property is getting a facelift to its 258 guest rooms, lobby, public spaces, 8,700 square feet of meeting space and restaurant.

Sheraton Dallas Hotel: The 1,840-room hotel was sold to Oxford Lodging and this year converted from the Adam's Mark Dallas after renovations, including enhancements to the 230,000 square feet of meeting space.

Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa : Dallas welcomed the transformed historic boutique hotel this spring. New amenities include renovated guest rooms, a full-service spa, and a signature restaurant.

The Fairmont Dallas: Renovations to all guest rooms and suites at the 545 room hotel were recently completed and three floors in the hotel's north tower were gutted and made over into Fairmont's luxury "gold" rooms.

The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas: The 218-room hotel opened in August and features 14,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Westin Galleria, Dallas: The 447-room hotel recently unveiled a new and improved fitness facility that features state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, a cardio theater and a Reebok Core Training Zone all housed in a "sleek, airy environment reminiscent of the nation's most upscale health clubs."

Westin Park Central Hotel: In 2007, guest room carpeting and corridors were renovated and flat-screen TV's were added to all rooms. Completed in August, the third-floor meeting space-along with all second-floor breakout rooms and the ballroom and first-floor meeting space and prefunction areas-received new carpet, vinyl and lighting. Total meeting space offered is 42,000 square feet. Also, the lobby was renovated which included Lobby Bar area, and Café in the Park underwent a soft good renovation.

El Paso

El Paso Convention & Performing Arts Center: Opened the Plaza Theatre Philanthropy Annex in 2007, which includes three different venues, including The Oasis, a banquet area with a bar; the Philanthropy Theatre, which offers 191 seats; and the Alcantar Sky Garden, a private rooftop patio. The annex is located alongside the recently restored, 2,000-seat Plaza Theatre.

Flower Mound

Lakeside Resort & Residences: Being constructed on Lake Grapevine, the resort is set to open by the end of the year with 289 guest rooms and a 25,000-square-foot conference center.

Fort Worth

Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau: A new \$2.7 million events plaza opened adjacent to the convention center.

Norris Conference Center - Fort Worth: Opened in September, the center features 11 meeting rooms and the 3,000 square feet and 5,000 square feet Red Oak

ballrooms.

Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle: The newly re-flagged resort, formerly the Doral Tesoro, is completing renovations to all 286 guest rooms and public spaces and adding addition event space.

Embassy Suites Fort Worth - Downtown : Opened in April 2007 and offers more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space, including two boardrooms, and 156 guest suites.

Omni Fort Worth: The 607-room hotel is set to open adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center in January 2009 and offer 68,000 square feet of meeting space.

Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek: Currently putting the final touches on a major renovation that includes all new guest rooms, totaling 247 rooms, and 11,000 square feet of meeting facilities, as well as a fully renovated restaurant and lounge with a new steakhouse opening this fall.

Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa : Opened this summer, the 430-room hotel rebranded itself from the former Plaza Hotel Fort Worth.

Frisco

Sheraton Stonebriar Hotel : The first phase of the new hotel has opened its doors with 119 rooms, 1,000 square feet of event space, restaurant and bar and a fully equipped fitness center. Its second phase will create a 250-room property with 27,000 square feet of meeting space and a rooftop, oasis pool and is expected to open in the beginning of 2010.

Galveston Island

Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau: Harbor House, a sister property of The Tremont House, will now feature Olympia at Pier 21, offering dockside dining overlooking the historic harbor. The restaurant's private dining room will accommodate groups of up to 65 people.

Hawthorn Suites at The Victorian Resort & Conference: Is in the second phase of a multimillion-dollar, three-phase renovation that will be completed by the end of this year.

Hotel Galvez, A Wyndham Historic Hotel: A new \$6 million, 9,736-square-foot spa opened in March with an accompanying salon and fitness center. The 224-room hotel also renovated the pool, complete with a swim-up bar, a whirlpool spa, private cabanas and an enhanced pool menu. This fall, the hotel will introduce allergen and germ-free guest and meeting rooms with the PURE system as well as a spa-inspired guest rooms and a new business center.

The Tremont House - A Wyndham Historic Hotel: The hotel's 7,946-square-foot Davidson Ballroom has been completely renovated, including the addition of a lighting fixture dating back to the late 1800s and new window treatments. Allergen and germ free guest and meeting rooms were added in May and a new business center was added this fall.

Garland

Special Events Center: A new facility offering a 7,500-seat arena and 18,000 square feet of meeting

space. A new Hyatt is being built immediately adjacent to the center that will house 151 guest rooms and 15,000 square feet of additional meeting space when it opens in late 2008.

Houston

Memorial City Project: Starwood Hotels and Resorts plans three hotels in 2009 as part of the Memorial City Project, a mixed-use community in West Houston. Construction was expected to begin this summer on The Westin Houston, Memorial City, and on The Sheraton Houston, Memorial City. The third hotel of the development, the Radisson Suites Hotel Houston West, was expected to complete renovations this summer and reopen as The Four Points by Sheraton Houston, Memorial City.

Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau: Other developments include BLVD Place, a mixed-use site for retail and condos and a 225-room luxury hotel, in Uptown and CITYCENTRE another mixed-use development in the Memorial area that is slated to be completed by the end of the year also featuring a luxury hotel with 217 guest rooms. A new Omni hotel, a conversion from a Sheraton, will feature 400-plus guest rooms and approximately 30,000 square feet of meeting space, and is slated to open in 2009.

Crowne Plaza Houston West Hotel: Formerly the Holiday Inn Select Houston West, the hotel is undertaking a renovation that will include an upgrade of the 32 club floor guest rooms and an additional private lounge.

Doubletree Guest Suites Houston by the Galleria: In June, the hotel wrapped up a multimillion-dollar renovation of its 380 guest rooms, 7,000 square feet of meeting space and more. New technology was added to the meeting space.

Doubletree Hotel Houston Downtown: Guest rooms and corridors, fitness center, meeting space and front entrance were recently renovated.

Hilton Americas Houston: A new Java Jive @ 1600 was recently added to the lobby area of the hotel and offers Starbucks coffee and light snacks.

Hilton Houston North: The hotel recently converted from the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel and offers 480 guest rooms and 51,000 square feet of meeting space.

Hilton University of Houston Hotel & Conference Center : The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management is redeveloping the existing hotel property into a state-of-the-art hotel and conference center that is slated to be completed in December 2009.

Hotel ZaZa Houston Museum District: Debuted in June 2007 at the site of the former Warwick Hotel featuring 315 guest rooms and more than 17,000 square feet of meeting space.

Hyatt Regency Houston: Hotel officials recently announced plans for a revitalization project to include the transformation of all 960 guest rooms, the addition of new, high-tech meeting space and a Shula's fine-dining steakhouse. Thirty guest rooms on the hotel's sixth floor will be transformed into nine meeting rooms and three high-tech boardrooms, adding to the 64,000

square feet of current meeting space.

Omni Houston Hotel Westside: All five of the hotel's suites have been recently renovated. The property recently completed numerous "fish-friendly" enhancements, including a "tropical paradise" revamp-which added 20 exotic tropical fish and turtles to its water gardens. Recently implemented new banquet menu options as part of their Sensational Meetings offerings.

The Magnolia Hotel: Recently opened a new Magnolia Concierge Level on the hotel's 22nd floor, providing complimentary services and amenities to guests.

The St. Regis Houston: A top-to-bottom refurbishment 232 guest rooms was unveiled in September and included a room redesign with new furniture, flat-screen TVs, as well as refurbished hallways with new carpets, lighting and wall coverings.

Discovery Green: The 12-acre park adjacent to the George R. Brown Convention Center opened in April and includes restaurants, an amphitheater, picnic areas and green spaces for recreation or special events.

Irving

Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau: In July, RMJM Hillier and the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau unveiled the design for a new 275,000-square-foot convention center. The new facility will be located approximately 10 minutes from the DFW International Airport. Slated to open in fall 2010, the \$137 million Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas will feature 50,000 square feet of column-free exhibit space, a 20,000-square-foot ballroom, 20 breakout rooms each approximately 1,000 square feet, and an 800 car parking garage. The project is aiming for certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. InterContinental Hotels Group recently announced plans for a project incorporating a new-build 150-room Crowne Plaza and a new-build 85-room Hotel Indigo in the Las Colinas community of Irving, Texas. Both hotels are expected to open in 2010.

Lubbock

Visit Lubbock, the Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Overton Hotel and Conference Center will open in 2009 with 47,600 square feet of meeting space and 304 guest rooms.

McAllen

McAllen Convention & Visitors Bureau: The 114-suite Homewood Suites McAllen opened in June and is located near the McAllen Convention Center; The 104-room Staybridge Suites McAllen is set to open in late 2008; and set to break ground within walking distance of the convention center in the upcoming months are a 200-room Embassy Suites, a 175-room La Quinta Inn and Suites, and a 165-room Holiday Inn.

McAllen Convention Center: Opened in 2007, the 174,000-square-foot convention center has four ballrooms with the largest totaling more than 4,000 square feet of space, five meeting rooms and two exhibit halls totaling more than 60,000 square feet of space.

McKinney

McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau: Ground was broken on phase one of Bridge Street Town

Centre in February. Phase one of the development consists of the five-story, 221-room Westin McKinney; the 43,000-square-foot McKinney Convention Center; and the Collin College (formerly Collin Community College) Higher Education Center. Phase one is scheduled to be completed fall 2009.

Montgomery

La Torretta Del Lago Resort & Spa: Debuted this fall, La Torretta will offer a "world-class restaurant," 445 guest suites, including golf villas plus lake villas with boat slips; a championship golf course with clubhouse, a marina, five tennis courts; a 17,000-square-foot spa; a 10,000-square-foot fitness facility; a 70,000-square-foot conference and event facility; and the family-friendly Aqua Park incorporating multiple pools, beach and Lay-Z river.

Nassau Bay

City of Nassau Bay: Due damages caused by Hurricane Ike, which passed through the area in September, the 243-room Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake is undergoing a renovation project. The City of Nassau Bay is also undertaking a new citywide redevelopment plan that will take approximately a dozen Class C office buildings that sit across from the entrance of NASA's Johnson Space Center and replaced them with new commercial properties. By the end of the year, all of the old office buildings will be torn down to make way for two to three office buildings, as well as retail shops, residential units and a hotel. The entire project will be valued north of \$150 million when the build-out is complete in about four years. The preliminary plans involve selling a 3.5-acre tract of the 12-acre site to an outside developer to build a hotel with approximately 200 guest rooms.

New Braunfels

Kongresshalle Convention Center: Opened this summer, the new Kongresshalle Convention Center features an 11,780-square-foot exhibit hall and a 9,298-square-foot ballroom. In addition, the center will include 3,468 square feet that can be set up for up to five breakout meeting rooms, a serving kitchen, a large catering kitchen and a stage for the exhibit hall.

Richardson

Richardson Hyatt Regency: Recently converted to a Hyatt property from the former Richardson Hotel. The 342-room property is located within a mixed-use development that is under construction.

Rockwall

Hilton Bella Harbor : On Lake Ray Hubbard, the hotel opened in March with 231 guest rooms and 25,000 square feet of indoor event space within a conference center that has 16 meeting rooms and a 1,200-person capacity ballroom.

San Angelo

McNease Convention Center: Opened in June with 32,500 square feet of meeting space with the largest meeting room offer 12,200 square feet of meeting space.

San Angelo Convention & Visitors Bureau: As part of the first major renovation the facility has had, the City of San Angelo McNease Convention Center has added five new breakout meeting rooms and an additional 7,000 square feet in meeting space capable of accommodating 1,000 more people.

San Antonio

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill County Resort & Spa (opening early 2010): The new 1,002-room resort will offer two TPC golf courses, a 26,000-square-foot spa and more than 140,000 square feet of meeting space when opened in 2010.

San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau: Developments include a \$345 million River Walk improvement project and an airport expansion. The Pearl Brewery is being redeveloped into an urban river village and the city is investing \$130 million in cultural endeavors, including the upcoming Briscoe Western Art Museum that will feature meeting space and the McNay Art Museum, which invested \$50.8 million into a 45,000-square-foot center for exhibitions that can be used as a meeting venue for up to 800. Alamo City Hotels is working to gain approval to build a new multi-story upscale hotel. The firm has also acquired the Neisner Building and plans to redevelop the 64,000-square-foot structure into a TownePlace Suites hotel with doors expected to open by December. Plans for a third new hotel on Houston Street are being set in the South Texas Building, that would convert the 12-story structure, built in 1919, into a 100 to 120-room hotel.

El Tropicano Riverwalk Holiday Inn: The 308-room hotel completed a multimillion-dollar, full-property restoration in July 2007.

Grand Hyatt San Antonio: The 1,003-room Hyatt just opened in downtown adjacent to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and features 115,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space, much of which overlooks the River Walk district.

Hotel Contessa: The 265-room hotel opened in 2006 with 10,000 square feet of meeting space. A rooftop-level spa opened in 2007.

Hyatt Place Riverwalk San Antonio: The 131-room hotel opened this year after a total renovation. Formerly an AmeriSuites, the hotel now features a host of amenities, including wireless Internet access throughout and the Bistro Cafe.

Hyatt Regency San Antonio: Recently renovated Lone Star Palace, which includes a rooftop penthouse with a 1,200-square-foot outdoor terrace deck, three indoor sitting areas and a formal dining/conference table for 20. Also, the hotel has remodeled its business center.

San Antonio Riverwalk Drury Plaza Hotel: Opened in February 2007 and unveiled addition this spring, bringing the hotel's guest room count to 366. Now has an indoor pool and is connected to the historic 1920s bank building that houses the main part of the hotel, including 11,000 square feet of event space.

The St. Anthony, A Wyndham Historic Hotel: Undergoing a multiphase restoration in anticipation of its 100th anniversary in 2009. New carpet, new paint and other touches to all guest rooms, meeting space and public areas will be undertaken at the 352-room hotel.

The Westin La Cantera Resort: Renovations are set for completion in 2009 that include new guest rooms, corridors and public spaces. The 508 guest rooms, including 38 villas, are in the Casita Village. The resort

offers 36 holes of championship golf and the Castle Rock Health Club and Spa. There is more than 39,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space, including a 17,000-square-foot ballroom.

San Marcos

San Marcos Convention & Visitors Bureau: In September, the Prime Outlets stores added a Gucci Outlet. The store is only one of four in the United States.

Embassy Suites(r) San Marcos- Hotel & Conference Center: Located near the Tanger and Prime Outlets shopping centers, the 283-room hotel is set to open on Oct. 29 with 80,000 square feet of meeting space within 19 meeting rooms.

South Padre Island

South Padre Island Convention Centre: Is slated to open this month after "major damage" during a recent hurricane.

Bahia Mar Resort & Conference Center: Is set to reopen in early 2009. The 240-room full-service resort offers more than 54,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and event space, including a grand ballroom with 4,200 square feet of space and an outdoor amphitheater with seating for up to 4,000.

Radisson Resort South Padre Island: The 192-room hotel is set to reopen this month after receiving structural damage during Hurricane Dolly.

Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel: is set to open in late 2008 after damages sustained during Hurricane Dolly.

South Padre Beach Resort: Formerly the Holiday Inn SunSpree, the property is preparing to reopen in early 2009. The 227-room resort offers 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Woodlands

The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center: Embarking on an expansion project that is projected to include 158 additional guest rooms and a winding, lazy river, as well as a new entrance and fine-dining steakhouse. Completion is slated for late 2009. The resort currently offers 440 guest rooms.

Waco

Waco Convention Center: In the beginning phase of a renovation/expansion project that is expected to take one to two years to complete. The project will include adding approximately 25,000 square feet of prefunction and meeting space, new interior finishes, catering and back-of-the-house service capabilities and a new, modern exterior that will bring natural light to the facility.

West Lake

Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Solana: The hotel completed a renovation that included the remodeling of all 200 guest rooms, creating an additional 94 guest rooms and suites in a new state-of-the-art tower. The property is also doubling its meeting space to more than 15,000 square feet, nearly tripling the fitness center and introducing wireless Internet throughout.

Virginia Alexandria

Westin Alexandria: Opened in November 2007 with

319 guest rooms and 20,000 square feet of meeting space.

Charlottesville

Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Home of Thomas Jefferson, Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Visitor and Smith Education Center, a state-of-the-art, 42,000-square-foot visitor and education center will debut this fall. The center will include a ticket pavilion, theater, three classrooms, a hands-on discovery room for children, exhibition galleries, a museum shop, a café and more.

Boar's Head Inn: A new meeting pavilion is scheduled to open this fall and will contain a large prefunction space, meeting rooms, a 5,500 square foot ballroom, full kitchen, associated amenities and a full-service business center.

Chesapeake

Hyatt Place Chesapeake/Greenbrier: The hotel is set to open in early October with 119 guest rooms and meeting space for small groups.

Chesapeake Conventions & Tourism: Numerous facilities are hitting the city, including a 119-room Hyatt Place, a 226-room Marriott Chesapeake with 13,076 square feet of meeting space and the recently opened Towne Place at GreenBrier, an open-air center that includes 170,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. An loft and SpringHill suites are also online, with a completion date yet to be established.

Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Regional Tourism Partnership: Plans were announced last fall for an African-themed Kalahari Resort water park and resort. The 50-acre park at the 2,400-acre Celebrate Virginia tourism site is slated to open in December 2009 and will feature a 100,000-square-foot convention center; a hotel with 400 rooms; a 125,000-square-foot indoor water park; and a 170,000-square-foot outdoor water park.

Hampton

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hampton: The hotel opened in April at the Power Plant of Hampton Roads, offering 124 guest rooms and 2,660 square feet of meeting space.

Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau: The \$13.5 million Boo Williams Sportsplex has opened, boasting 135,000 square feet, housing eight hardwood basketball courts and a six-lane, IAAF-certified indoor track.

Hilton Garden Inn Hampton Coliseum Central: Opened in 2007, the 149 room hotel offers 2,300 square feet of meeting space.

Lynchburg

Hilton Garden Inn Lynchburg: The 126-room hotel opened in April with more than 4,000 square feet of meeting space with the largest room offers more than 2,800 square feet of space.

Lynchburg Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau: A new Hilton Garden Inn opened its doors in June. This 126-room property includes 16 suites and will also offer 4,000 square feet of exhibition space. The 131-room Wingate by Wyndham Lynchburg has introduced new amenities in a complete refurbishment of the hotel. Upgraded rooms are appointed with furniture and accessories designed by architect Michael

Graves, improved linens and new energy efficient lighting. The hotel features 1,000 square feet of meeting space, 24-hour fitness and business centers and an indoor heated pool and spa.

Wingate by Wyndham Lynchburg: The 131-room hotel recently introduced new amenities in a complete refurbishment that included upgraded guest rooms with furniture and accessories designed by architect Michael Graves, improved lines and new energy efficient lighting.

McLean

Crowne Plaza Hotel Tysons Corner: The pet-friendly hotel was rebranded from a Holiday Inn in late 2007 and offers 316 guest rooms and more than 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Newport News

Newport News Tourism Development Office: The tourism office launched a new website that now features new tools specifically geared for the group and meetings markets. Along with a complete redesign of both content and the interface, the site now offers planners the ability to search listings based on their group's criteria. Other new tools include an online RFP and order forms for the group planner guide, along with informational brochures for city attractions and more. The USS Monitor Center opened last spring and allows visitors to walk the deck of the legendary Civil War ironclad, which is an addition to the city's Mariners' Museum, America's National Maritime Museum. Also, two hotels recently opened near the airport, including a 120-room Courtyard by Marriott and a 125-room Residence Inn by Marriott.

Omni Newport News Hotel: Recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation to 183 guest rooms and lobby.

Norfolk

Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau: A 301-room Westin Norfolk Hotel and Conference Center is slated for a 2011 opening and will feature 50,000 square feet of meeting space. It is slated for a 2011 opening. The announcement follows last year's groundbreaking of Norfolk's light rail transit system, a \$232.2 million project that will run 7.4 miles through downtown and is projected to be fully operational by 2010.

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside: In 2007, the 468-room hotel began a full restoration that ended in February.

Portsmouth

Portsmouth Convention & Visitors Bureau: New offerings include The Loop, a new shuttle service serving the downtown core in Olde Towne Portsmouth, and the Jewish Museum and Cultural Center, a 1917 Colonial Revival-styled synagogue that has recently restored. The Hawthorn Hotel and Suites at the Governor Dinwiddie in historic Olde Towne Portsmouth was recently named as a member of Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A new, full-service 120-room Holiday Inn is scheduled to open next year as well.

Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center: Starts its "soft goods" renovation in November, which is set to be completed in late February or early March 2009. All 249 guest rooms will be completely renovated with new carpet, bedding

and a new electronics/television package. The hotel's nearly 25,000 square feet of meeting space will also be upgraded, along with the lobby, restaurant and pool/fitness area.

Reston

Westin Reston Heights: The 191-room hotel opened in early 2008 with more than 1,000 square feet of meeting space and will be the focal point of the upscale Reston Heights area, which will ultimately include high-end retail, restaurants, residential and office space in a park-like setting.

Richmond

Westin Richmond: Featuring 250 guest rooms and 10,000 square feet of meeting space, the hotel is set to open in October. The largest meeting room will offer more than 4,700 square feet of meeting space.

Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau: Several new hotels are under construction west of downtown. In the Philip Morris complex a Westin hotel will add 250 rooms to the region in December and the Virginia Center Commons will see another five hotels, including a Holiday Inn and Courtyard by Marriott. Short Pump area broke ground for a Hilton conference center and spa that will offer 18,000 square feet of meeting space, including an 11,880-square-foot ballroom.

Commonwealth Park Suites Hotel: Recently underwent renovations to the 59 guest suites, updating carpeting and window and wall treatments.

Doubletree Hotel Richmond Downtown: Recently converted from a Radisson hotel following a renovation, which added complimentary wireless Internet and a rooftop pool among other amenities to the 230-room hotel.

Embassy Suites Hotel Richmond: Completed a renovation in June with the majority of enhancements made to the 224 guest rooms and an expansion to the hotel's fitness facility.

Holiday Inn Select Koger South Conference Center: Featuring more than 26,000 square feet of function space, the 237-room hotel is gearing up for a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2009 with upgrades to its guest rooms, common areas, restaurant and lounge.

Virginia Crossings Resort: Offers 183 guest rooms and 25,000 square feet of meeting space and will complete a renovation in spring 2009 that will enhance the property throughout and add a spa facility.

The Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts: Is undergoing a \$20 million renovation slated for completion by fall 2009 to bring the center back to its "glory days of the 1920s," including widening the 1,800 seats and new acoustics and lighting.

Toad's Place Richmond: The entertainment venue opened in 2007 offering 20,000 square feet of special event space.

Roanoke

Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Art Museum of Western Virginia will have a new home in fall 2008 in downtown Roanoke.

Roanoke Civic Center: The Roanoke Special Events Center now has 46,000 square feet of exhibition space after recently opening new space. Additional features include a new loading dock, two box office areas and pre-function area for registration and receptions.

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center: The hotel recently celebrated its 125th anniversary with a renovation updating its 331 guest rooms and corridors and adding guest services such as in-room spa services, an in-house florist and revamped entertainment offerings in various restaurants.

Roanoke Special Events Center: Opened at the Roanoke Civic Center in March with 46,000 square feet of exhibit space and a seating capacity of 3,066. On site are a 10,000-seat arena, a 2,150-seat theater and an existing 14,000-square-foot exhibit hall.

Virginia Beach

Sandler Center for the Performing Arts: Opened this year with a 1,300-seat performance hall, a 4,100-square-foot grand lobby and various other meeting rooms and theaters.

Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau: Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, located at Town Center, is a newly opened 1,300-seat performance venue.

Virginia

Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach Convention Center: The newly opened center offers 500,000 square feet of meeting space, with a 147-foot glass tower that contains a boardroom, a VIP lounge, an observation deck and a cafe'. The recently completed exhibition hall provides more than 150,000 square feet of space, and a 31,000-square-foot ballroom and five meeting suites.

Marriott Chesapeake: Wrapping up a \$15 million renovation to become a full-service Marriott and re-opening in October with 230 guest rooms and 13,000 square feet of meeting space.

The Founders Inn and Spa: The 240-room inn recently added a new full-service spa.

The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center: Opened in December 2007 with 236 rooms and 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront: The 242-room hotel recently underwent a multimillion-dollar conversion from the former Ramada Plaza Resort.

Williamsburg

Kingsmill Resort & Conference Center: The Spa at Kingsmill Resort is now offering new services such as organic and nature-based treatments, new massage methods, and more.

West Virginia

Beckley

Southern West Virginia Convention & Visitors Bureau: Recently opened or renovated hotels in the area include a Microtel Inn and Suites, which opened in 2007 with 64 guest rooms in Beckley, and a 119-room Days Inn in Mt. Hope, which recently completed a renovation and added a fitness center. The Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine has recently completed an

extensive renovation that includes a newly opened 14,000-square-foot Rhall Company Store, visitor center, coal museum, fudgery and gift shop.

technology. A lobby restaurant and bar has also been added, as well as a new fitness center. ■

Beckley - Raleigh County Convention Center: A facility upgrade included a 4,800-square-foot conference facility that can accommodate between 300 and 350 people. The new room boasts high-speed Internet service, projection screens and "all the amenities."

Holiday Inn & Suites: Opened last year with 110 guest rooms and a full-service restaurant and 1,160 square feet of meeting space.

Charles Town

The Inn at Charles Town: Opened in September with 153 guest rooms and a 1,470-square-foot ballroom, a 5,200-square-foot ballroom and a boardroom.

Charleston

Charleston House Holiday Inn: The hotel is currently renovating several key components of the property, including completing renovations to all 256 guest rooms, plus some soft goods in both on-site restaurants.

Charleston Marriott Town Center: The 352-room hotel offers more than 17,500 square feet of meeting space and recently installed new carpet in their banquet meeting space and added flat-screen TVs to all guest rooms.

Hampton Inn Downtown Civic Center: Completed renovations of all of its 111 guest rooms and plans to begin renovating the bathrooms toward the end of 2008.

Holiday Inn Express Civic Center: Hotel owners plan to fully renovate the 195-room property in late 2008.

Harpers Ferry

Jefferson County Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Quality Inn-also known as the Cliffside-was recently renovated and two new hotels, the 145-room Holiday Inn Express and the 153-Charles town opened recently, offering 1,250 square feet of meeting space and facilities serving up to 400 theater style respectively.

Mullens

Twin Falls Resort State Park: A major expansion project to the lodge has begun, and will include 28 more rooms on three floors bringing the total lodge number to 48, along with a new indoor pool, a small fitness area, and a small spa. Construction for the projects is projected to be completed by October 2009.

Princeton

Chuck Mathena Center: Opened in July, the newly built facility offers several meeting venues for groups up to 1,000, theater style.

South Charleston

Hampton Inn Charleston-Southridge: Recently completed a renovation of all guest rooms and 35 executive suites were added in January to bring a total of 139 guest rooms.

Ramada Plaza Hotel: The property has underwent major renovations to its 155 guest rooms and new meeting rooms have been built with state-of-the-art