

Betsy-South Beach Debuts Expansion

MIAMI, Fla. — Following a two-year renovation, The Betsy-South Beach unveiled its expansion last month.



Guestroom at the Betsy-South Beach. Photo: Javier Sanchez.

Merging with the former Carlton Hotel on Collins Avenue to debut an Art Deco wing addition, the completed hotel features 130 guestrooms, two restaurants by Laurent Tourondel, a 3,200-square-foot rooftop deck and swimming pool, dedicated library and nearly 15,000 square feet of special event space.

The expansion involved the rehabilitation of the two historic hotels and facades, refurbishment of the Carlton lobby, and addition of new structures and roof complex. The completed hotel includes the original Ocean Drive building now known as the Colonial wing, which will continue to welcome guest arrivals, and the renovated Collins Avenue building now known as the Art Deco wing, which will serve as an entrance for both private events and the Conservatory espresso and wine bar. Joining the structures is a bridge.

Tourondel's restaurants include LT Steak & Seafood by Laurent Tourondel, seating 120, with additional semi-private dining for 36, and Poeti, am Italian trattoria seating 50, with additional private dining for 25.

One level above Poeti, the 14th Place Terrace accommodates 15 and features a Chef's Herbal Garden with tiered outdoor seating.

Hosting board meetings, working sessions and private dining, the Work Room hosts 25 and is accessible from Poeti and The Conservatory, and connects directly to the outdoor 14th Place Terrace breakout space.

On the rooftop, the pool decks combined can host receptions for 250, while the Ocean View Deck alone can accommodate receptions for 125 or private dining for 100.

Located on the third floor of the Art Deco wing, the Library offers books and a stocked bar for special events, and hosts 25 for events.

The Carlton lobby is a conservatory space for larger private events and communal lounging complete with an espresso and wine bar. The Conservatory accommodates receptions for 165 and private dining for 130.

A 1,700-square-foot space on the ground floor, The Gallery accommodates receptions for 165 and private dining for 140.

The 3,000-square-foot outdoor courtyard Atrium, in the Art Deco wing, features a stage for performances and events and accommodates receptions for 300 and private dining for 200.