

A look at recent hot hotel renovations

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The hotel industry is starting the year with a healthy clip of new hotel renovations. Here are a few notable ones.

Hotel Kabuki in San Francisco

The Hotel Kabuki in San Francisco has undergone a \$31 million renovation of its 225 guest rooms and other spaces.

The property, part of Joie de Vivre Hotels, has an expansive new lobby, a lobby bar, and a 3,000-square foot fitness studio. It is located in Japantown in what was once a 1960s community center connected to the former Japanese Consulate.

The hotel incorporates Japanese-inspired design, such as the shou sugi ban technique which is used to fireproof housing by burning or charring the wood to evoke the texture of crocodile skin. Many of the brackets that hold the beams together are hot-rolled steel brackets used in old Japanese houses.

The lobby lounge and library have 19-foot-tall ceilings. The new lobby bar has Japanese cocktails. There is a 3,000 square foot fitness center and a 400 square-foot yoga studio.

A designated floor has 13,000 square-feet of dedicated meeting and event space.





