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Mount Vernon's Hotel Revival gets ready to open

At the Hotel Revival, every room has a doorbell with the label "Rings True" around it.

It's one of the many unique touches at the 14-story, 107-room boutique hotel opening soon in Mount Vernon.

The hotel, a former apartment building at 101 West Monument St. across from the Washington Monument, has had several rebirths since it was constructed in the 1920s.

It was built on land that used to be home to philanthropist Mary Elizabeth Garrett's mansion, which hosted the first Baltimore Museum of Art exhibition in 1923. The building served as apartment residences until the early 1980s, when it became a hotel. The Peabody Court Wyndham closed in summer 2016 to make room for the latest concept, a Joie de Vivre-branded hotel from Two Roads Hospitality.

"We try to embrace our roots and build in art as a story throughout the entire building, just to nod to [Garrett] and the history," said Beth Brainard, the hotel's general manager. "What we've done is woven a very residential feel throughout all the furniture, residential spaces, etc. to nod to the fact that it used to be an apartment building."

Hotel Revival will also be home to

two restaurants helmed by Baltimore chef Wilbur Cox.

The first-floor Square Meal will put a spin on American cuisine with dishes like bagels topped with smoked white fish mousse and braised pork cheek with red cabbage, pickled mushrooms and parsnips. A glass-encased rooftop bar and restaurant Topside will feature a seafood tower of oysters, bay scallops and crab claws, as well as shareable items like blue catfish with vinegar shoyu and smoked short ribs with peach chili barbecue.

Art, history and references to Baltimore's culture and traditions are scattered throughout the hotel, which was developed by Denver-based nuovoRE, conceptualized by Baltimore firm SM+P Architects and designed by Philadelphia's SLDesign. The cost of the project has not been disclosed.

A mural in the lobby painted by Baltimore Artstar depicts Howard's Woods, the natural area that later became the Mount Vernon neighborhood. Wallpaper in the stairwell connecting the lobby to a dining area downstairs is emblazoned with a colorful, eye-catching design from artist Cassandra Jones based on the Baltimore album quilts displayed at the

nearby Maryland Historical Society.

Hotel Revival has also partnered with a number of local businesses. A shop in the lobby will feature jewelry from vintage shop Bottle of Bread, candles from Knits Soy and Metal, and totes from Treason Toting Co. Old Line Spirits distilled a special whiskey that will be featured in the hotel's cocktails, and its bars will also serve Thirstay, a custom beer from Peabody Heights Brewery.

Despite some construction delays that pushed back the initial opening date, the hotel is gearing up to start welcoming guests within the next two weeks, Brainard said. A grand opening celebration is set for May 3.

Standard rooms at the hotel will range from \$179 to \$299, depending on the season. Suites go for \$499 to \$799.



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Both restaurants at the hotel will be open to non-hotel guests.



Get a sneak peek at the rest of the Hotel Revival at bizj.us/1pk18u



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