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The Whitley Readies for Return



<u>The Whitley, a Luxury Collection Hotel</u>, is set to make its return to Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood this June. The property will unveil its multimillion-dollar renovation at the hand of Boston-based firm <u>Parker-Torres Design</u>, which reimagines the hotel with an authentic dose of Southern hospitality, greeting guests with a traditional front porch.

The expanded lobby will welcome visitors with millwork paneling and a blue ceiling as well as new spaces like the Hearth Lounge, Sanctuary Lounge, or Front Porch Lounge. The Explorers Library will also showcase unique artifacts and literature that celebrate local history and culture. Refined furnishings will populate the updated interior to reflect an organic influence that pays homage to the agrarian roots of the location against a backdrop of muted earth tones of taupe, green, and gray. Custom wallcoverings will also be illuminated by glass and metal antique chandeliers and sconces.

Ranging from 720 to 1,800 square feet, revamped accommodations will be outfitted with rich mahogany hardwood floors, Italian marble vanities, and framed views. The porch theme will be featured in guestrooms as well, with thoughtful touches like woven raffia headboards, contemporary dogwood emblems, blue ceilings, and floral accents. Corridors are also lined with sconces and carpeting inspired by sunlight penetrating a canopy of Georgia pines.

Included among the hotel's updated 40,000 square feet of meeting space will be the new 5,000-square-foot Legacy Ballroom, which will be equipped to host up to 300 guests. The space will feature 14-foot-tall ceilings, crystal chandeliers, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a private terrace. The updated spa will also house a custom, 75-square-foot Salt Chamber in addition to a fitness center, indoor pool, whirlpool, relaxation lounge, nail salon, couple's suite, and sauna.