

# hospitality design

february 2020 [hospitalitydesign.com](http://hospitalitydesign.com)

bold moves  
**the development issue**

hd Presenter of  
**expo+**  
**conference**

hospitality design

february 2020

the development issue

hd vol. 42 no. 2

Presenter of HD Expo, a hospitality design event





A traditional portrait with a twist references a fictional Buckhead family in the Whitley's lounge



Depicting Atlanta flora and fauna, artist Andrea Emmons' handcarved linocut print on birch wood sits behind the Whitley's registration desk



A piece behind the concierge desk at the Whitley features a series of vintage hotel room keys

to follow it. "It wasn't ideal for a modern guestroom layout, but it forced us to create interesting yet functional room types," she says, adding the structure provided inspiration, including pink marble in the basement that translated into bathroom vanities. The property is a wonder, blending old and new with a restored marble staircase, floor-to-ceiling windows in most rooms, and bold magnolia-print curtains. "We layered historical elements with modern interpretations," Hollis adds.

**The Whitley →** In spring 2019, this Luxury Collection hotel unveiled its multimillion-dollar transformation from its former incarnation as the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead. "Now, it's bright with Southern charm and a welcoming front porch feel," says Miriam Torres of Boston-based Parker-Torres Design, which led the 12-month renovation. The re-concepted first floor ("We blew out the back-of-house to open up the lobby," says Torres) showcases location-specific art, including a life-sized sculptural buck, referencing the district's

name, by local artist Kevin Chambers. The 507 guestrooms flaunt residential-style living areas, marble bathrooms, and mahogany hardwood floors, some with ceilings painted in haint blue, a nod to the Southern architectural tradition.

**The Burgess Hotel →** Kimberley Miller, CEO and principal of Dallas-based Duncan Miller Ullmann, spearheaded the \$15 million transformation of the former Wingate by Wyndham into the 102-room Burgess Hotel.