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Renewed Spaces

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Hotel Monaco Denver

Hotel Monaco Denver wrapped up a multimillion-dollar renovation in May. The final phase of the property makeover included updates to its lobby and meeting spaces, with the city's urban setting and western heritage incorporated into the design. Cow prints mixed with bright oranges and blues reinforce interior designer Susan Caruso's rugged-cowboy-meets-city-slicker theme—also incorporated in last year's renovation of the hotel's 189 guest rooms. Guests entering the lobby space find inviting dark wood furnishings and locally themed artwork, as well as the trademark ceiling decorated with geometrical patterns. The meeting spaces are decorated with historic photos of the Denver area.



JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

In Palm Desert, Calif., the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa celebrates its 25th anniversary with a fittingly priced \$25 million renovation completed in phases throughout this year. The all-encompassing makeover included upgrades of the onsite golf course and 884 guest rooms, as well as the addition of Rockwood Grill, Blue Star Lounge and Fisherman's Landing restaurants and the retail outlet Sunnylands Chocolate Factory.



Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort

The 490-room Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort in Orlando will complete a \$25 million renovation, adding a 7,000-square-foot ballroom and updated meeting spaces, this fall. With the new Majestic Palm Ballroom, which will accommodate up to 800 attendees, the property increases its meeting space to 20,000 sq. ft. A colorful contemporary Floridian design will be incorporated throughout the makeover, especially in the outdoor space at the new 27 Palms Pool Club courtyard, highlighted by a fire pit, outdoor kitchen and wraparound bar for al-fresco galas.