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NEW OR RENOVATED WINNERS

According to Lodging Econometrics—a leading provider of business development database programs to hotel franchise companies, lodging industry vendors, ownership and management groups, Wall Street analysts, and industry consultants—631 new hotels offering 72,160 guest rooms are expected to open throughout the United States by the end of 2024. Lodging Econometrics also reports four of the five largest hotel construction pipeline markets at the end of Q3/2024 are in the South. Leading in hotel construction is Dallas, with a record-high 194 hotel projects and 22,803 rooms; second is Atlanta, with a record-high 166 hotel projects and 19,174 rooms; third is Nashville, Tenn., with a record-high 130 projects and 16,966 rooms; and fifth is Austin, Texas, with a record-high 119 hotel projects and

13,962 rooms. Additionally, Lodging Econometrics noted 1,969 active hotel renovation and conversion projects and 262,048 rooms in Q3/2024.

This is exciting news for planners looking for new, newly renovated, and newly branded hotels for their meetings and events. The volume of new and renovated hotels means more options for planners and, perhaps, a more memorable event experience for attendees, with fresh furnishings, modern amenities, and the latest audiovisual technology.

ConventionSouth wraps its annual awards issue with our New or Renovated winners. These properties, selected by our team from your nominations, represent some of the South's best new and renovated hotels and resorts for meetings and events. Congratulations to our New or Renovated winning hotels and resorts! 🎉

ALABAMA

- Hotel Finial

ARKANSAS

- Road Runner Inn & Log Cabins

FLORIDA

- Loews Portofino Bay Hotel
- Opal Sol
- Renaissance Orlando Resort & Spa
- Hilton Cocoa Beach
- The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort
- Amrit Ocean Resort
- Vinoy Resort & Golf Club, Autograph Collection
- [The Riding Academy Hotel](#)
- The Hotel Landy Orlando Universal Blvd.

GEORGIA

- Grand Hyatt Atlanta
- Hotel Granada
- Westin Atlanta Perimeter
- Rainwater Conference Center
- The Forth Hotel
- Element Atlanta Perimeter Center

KENTUCKY

- Tempo by Hilton Louisville Downtown NuLu
- Canopy by Hilton Louisville Downtown

LOUISIANA

- Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana
- Origin Hotel Baton Rouge
- W New Orleans French Quarter

MARYLAND

- Great Wolf Lodge

MISSISSIPPI

- The Threefoot Hotel, Meridian, a Tribute Portfolio

MISSOURI

- AC Hotel Kansas City Downtown
- Ameristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles
- Cascade Hotel Kansas City, Tribute Portfolio

NORTH CAROLINA

- Hotel Lela Wilmington, Tapestry Collection by Hilton

OKLAHOMA

- Okana Resort & Indoor Waterpark

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Sonesta Resort Hilton Head Island
- The Ansonborough Inn
- DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

TENNESSEE

- Sheraton Grand Nashville Downtown
- Embassy Suites Chattanooga
- The Hotel Chalet at the Chattanooga Choo Choo
- Drury Plaza Hotel Chattanooga

TEXAS

- The Moran CITYCENTRE
- Loews Arlington TX
- Le Méridien Fort Worth Downtown
- InterContinental San Antonio Riverwalk
- The Westin Houston Memorial City

VIRGINIA

- Virginia Guesthouse Hotel and Conference Center
- Shenandoah Mansions

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Royal Sonesta Washington DC

WEST VIRGINIA

- The Grand Patrician Resort