



# A roundup of independent hotel news

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This month's roundup of news from the independent hotel sector includes: Black Hawk Hotel turns 167 years old; Wythe Hotel converts rooms into offices; people on the move; and more.

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## Annapolis Waterfront Hotel gets multimillion-dollar makeover

The 150-room Annapolis Waterfront Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland, part of Marriott's International's Autograph Collection, debuted its new guest experience this August following a multimillion-dollar renovation, according to a news release.

The renovation focused refreshing the building's façade, adding new awnings, lighting, furniture and planters; enhancing all 150 guestrooms and signature Waterfront Harbor Suite with walnut hardwood floors and nautical décor; redoing guestroom bathrooms with tonal blues and whites; and renovating its nine event rooms and adjoining outdoor event space to better enhance meetings, events and weddings.

"It is a rare opportunity to be able to transform a hotel in its entirety – to really see the concept take shape in every space and detail from the inside out. We worked in close collaboration with Hersha Hotels and Resorts to really make their vision a reality," Baskervill Principal Adrienne Scribner, who led design for the project, said in a news release.

## Fresh beauty founders open boutique hotel

On 6 August, co-founders of global beauty brand Fresh, Lev Glazman and Alina Roytberg, and hospitality expert Damien Janowicz, launched [the 11-room boutique hotel The Maker in Hudson, New York](#), Forbes writes.

The hotel is housed in three historical buildings with each guestroom designed "to deliver an inspired and unique guest experience," according to the article. Features include a bohemian flare fused with design from 19th-century Industrial, La Bell Époque, Art Deco and Mid-Century periods; vintage and custom reproduced furniture; and a Fragrance Library Room that allows guests to try more than 180 fragrances.