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# Headlines



Waikiki Edition

## A True First Edition

The unique partnership between Marriott and boutique hotelier Ian Schragger is finally paying off, as their first Edition brand hotel is set to open in Waikiki, on Oahu, in October. The 353-room **Waikiki Edition** will feature two pools, a nightclub, a spa, a movie theater and shopping, as well as a restaurant from celebrity chef Masaharu Morimoto. An executive boardroom, four meeting studios, three prefunction galleries and a 9,200-square-foot ballroom will be available for meetings and events. [editionhotels.com](http://editionhotels.com)

## Aloft in the LEED

The **Aloft Tempe** in Arizona was recently awarded LEED certification—the first in the state to do so. The property offers 136 guest rooms and a 528-square-foot boardroom for meetings. It is also the seventh Starwood Hotel property, and the first of the Aloft brand, to receive the designation. [alofttempe.com](http://alofttempe.com)



Oxford Hotel

## Oregon Gets Sparkle

The **Oxford Hotel** in Bend, Ore., recently received the Four-Diamond Award, becoming the first property in the city to earn the prestigious recognition. According to AAA, the award ranks the property in the top 4% of 31,000 AAA-rated properties in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The boutique hotel features 59 suites and 3,000 sq. ft. of meeting and event space. [oxfordhotelbend.com](http://oxfordhotelbend.com)

## Couer d'Alene Betting Big

The **Couer d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel** in Worley, Idaho, is currently undergoing a \$75-million expansion project that began last year and is slated for completion in 2011. The hotel has 98 rooms, a 15,000-square-foot spa and pool, and several recreation and dining venues. The expansion will also include 10 acres of outdoor function space with a pond and natural amphitheater for shows, meetings or fireworks displays. [cdacasino.com](http://cdacasino.com)

## A Place in Santa Fe

Hyatt Hotels & Resorts and Rim Hospitality have announced the opening of **Hyatt Place Santa Fe** in New Mexico. The 92-room hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi, continental breakfast and more than 1,200 sq. ft. of meeting space. Its convenient location is just a five-mile drive from Santa Fe Municipal Airport and downtown Santa Fe. [santafe.place.hyatt.com](http://santafe.place.hyatt.com)

## Posh SF Venue

The trendy **Clift San Francisco** hotel recently launched its new restaurant and event venue, the Velvet Room. The restaurant offers seasonal, organic cuisine from Executive Chef Ewart Wardhaugh, who previously worked as executive sous chef at Wynn Las Vegas. Designed to complement the hotel's Redwood Room, the space includes velvet curtains, mahogany and hand-blown Murano

glass lamps. It can seat up to 350 people for a buyout. [clifthotel.com](http://clifthotel.com)

## Meet in Mexico

In November, the 80-suite **Casa Velas**, located in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, will be opening a new 3,663-square-foot conference center adjacent to the resort's lush garden area. The new center can be divided into four different rooms, ranging from 517 sq. ft. to 1,566 sq. ft., and adds to the existing 775 sq. ft. of meeting and function space. [hotelcasavelas.com](http://hotelcasavelas.com)

## LAX Is On Time

The \$737-million renovation to the **LAX Tom Bradley International Terminal** is complete, on time and within budget after 3-1/2 years of construction. The upgrades include interior renovations to airline check-in and passenger arrival lobbies, the Customs Arrival hall and new high-capacity baggage carousels. The project also added 45,000 sq. ft. of space to the in-line baggage security screening facility, which will help create less congestion in the airline check-in lobbies. [lawa.org](http://lawa.org)

## Rockin' in Breckenridge

RockResort's **One Ski Hill Place** opened at the beginning of June in Breckenridge, Colo., featuring 3,600 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space and approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of outdoor space. The ski-in, ski-out property offers everything from studio rooms to four-bedroom condominiums. Plus, there are several on-site activities available for groups with the Peak 8 Fun Park nearby, and the One Ski Hill Place's two-lane bowling alley and a game room available for breakout sessions. [oneskihill.com](http://oneskihill.com)

## What's in a Name?

At their annual meeting, MGM Mirage shareholders recently approved a name change for the hospitality leader. Effective immediately, MGM Mirage



Hyatt Place Santa Fe

will now be **MGM Resorts International**, which represents the company's growing global presence. As part of its brand development, the company also unveiled a new, contemporary logo. [mgmresorts.com](http://mgmresorts.com)

## Correction

*Smart Meetings* always strives for accuracy, but, regrettably, mistakes sometimes occur. To set the record straight, our convention center story in the June issue inaccurately stated that the expansion of the **San Jose Convention Center** was moving ahead. In fact, San Jose is still evaluating a proposed expansion and is currently evaluating project options within budget constraints. [sanjose.org](http://sanjose.org)



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