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## The Heathman Hotel Gets New Digs

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Eastiders looking for a staycation or a venue to host out of town guests might be surprised to learn that The Heathman Hotel has a brand new look.

[The popular downtown Kirkland hotel](#) recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation of its 91 guestrooms and suites, giving it a fresh and modern look.

“We’re thrilled to unveil a new look and feel at The Heathman that allows us to continue offering exceptional guest experiences,” said John Oppenheimer, CEO of [Columbia Hospitality](#), which manages The Heathman Hotel. “We’ve seen tremendous growth in and around Kirkland — new shopping, dining, and recreation within walking distance — and we’re excited to establish The Heathman as the top boutique hotel in the heart of this vibrant waterfront neighborhood.”

The renovation, which was conceptualized by Seattle-based firm Interior Design International Inc., celebrates Kirkland and its rich history through the integration of several unique design features. For example, the addition of natural woven textiles pays homage to Kirkland’s woolen mill, the first in the state, which brought early economic success to the city during the Klondike Gold Rush and World War I. Additionally, the renovation also features a Pacific Northwest theme throughout. From the scenic waters of the Puget Sound to picturesque mountain vistas, each floor showcases a specific theme reminiscent of the region.

The subdued earth tones of the hotel's previous aesthetic have given way to a lighter design with dynamic pops of rusty oranges, touches of bright yellows, and accents of cool blues. Combine these design elements with the hotel's updated media hub, high-speed Wi-Fi, and warming gas fireplaces, for the perfect respite.

Beyond its new aesthetic features, fans of The Heathman's spa services might be disappointed to learn that the spa is no longer a fixture on the property, *however*, The Heathman has converted that space into a vast array of conference and party spaces. General Manager Jim Larson said the hotel's proximity to corporate campuses like Microsoft and nearby Google was the primary driver behind the decision.

The new meeting spaces are ideal for events as varied as wedding rehearsal dinners and corporate conferences, with numerous breakout rooms for the latter. The largest meeting space will accommodate up to 125 people seated at round tables, or 200 individuals in theater-style seating. And don't worry, the staff can set up spa services at any local offsite facility if the need arises.

Also occupying the old spa territory is the hotel's vast gym, which is open 24 hours, allowing guests to escape the gray, rainy Pacific Northwest weather. Conversely, if the weather is favorable, the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#) is just a short walk away allowing pedestrians a pleasant jaunt about town.

Thank goodness for The Heathman's [fitness accommodations](#); guests will need to counterbalance the caloric intake from the rich food in The Heathman's [onsite restaurant, Trellis](#). Under the guidance of Le Cordon Bleu-trained Chef Benjamin Closson, the culinary team at Trellis crafts sumptuous dishes around fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Start with the Cheese Times Three platter with its selection of domestic and imported cheeses, crisps, and a mouth-watering honeycomb; follow that with the Baby Beets salad which features grilled radicchio, goat cheese, citrus, almond, orange citronette, and truffle oil; next, try the Foraged Mushroom Risotto. If you're not full to bursting yet, you've got to experience Closson's personal favorite dessert, the decadent Peanut Butter Chocolate Bar topped with peanut butter caramel ice cream and fresh raspberries.

No room reservation? No problem. Trellis is open to the public for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or stop in for happy hour. Bring your friends and enjoy one of Trellis' signature drinks like a Woodinville Old Fashioned or a Coconut Eggnog. Adventurous diners also might enjoy a [Chambong](#) — think college frat party beer apparatus combined with a sleek glass champagne flute — filled with brut rose, prosecco, and brut champagne.

If you'd rather stay in your room and enjoy that new ambiance, don't worry, Trellis will deliver to guest rooms. We highly recommend enjoying the Belgian waffles with caramelized rum bananas and fresh whipped cream from the comfort of your own room. Preferably in your plush Heathman bathrobe in front of your sizzling fire.

For reservations, call 1-888-264-5494 or visit The Heathman Hotel [online](#).