



HEADLINE: BETHESDA MARRIOTT HOTEL COMPLETES \$12 MILLION REFURBISHMENT & INTRODUCES AGIO RESTAURANT

SUMMARY: The Bethesda Marriott Hotel, located near downtown Bethesda, MD has completed \$12 Million in renovations to hotel guestrooms and meeting space, including the addition of the new Bethesda hotel restaurant, Agio.

Bethesda, Maryland - - The Bethesda Marriott Hotel on Pooks Hill Road, located minutes from Washington DC, has completed a \$12 million renovation project, According to Amani Roberts, Director of Sales & Marketing for the hotel, the extensive hotel refurbishment project took a total of 18 months to complete and involved all guest rooms and most public areas. The Bethesda Marriott Hotel originally opened in 1979.

THE NEWEST GUEST ROOMS IN THE BETHESDA AREA

The hotel has completely renovated its 399 guest rooms and 8 suites for maximum comfort and to provide a stylish, sleek new design.

All of the Bethesda hotel's guestrooms feature Marriott's new, more luxurious bedding with plusher mattresses, softer linens, and more pillows. Replacing the traditional hotel bedspread is a down comforter nestled inside sheeted duvets, which will be freshly laundered for each new guest. The stylized bedding features 300- thread-count, cotton-rich, white top and fitted bottom sheets and is accented with euro shams, a decorative bed scarf, and bolster. Other in-room amenities include a workspace with ergonomic desk and chair, high-speed wireless Internet access, telephone with data port and speaker phone, coffee maker, iron with ironing board, and cable TV with premium channels.

Additionally, the 8 hotel suites feature new furnishings including 42" flat screen televisions in the living areas.

INTRODUCING RESTAURANT AGIO

One of the most exciting additions to the Bethesda Marriott and dining in Bethesda, Maryland is the addition of Agio, a casual, contemporary, Italian restaurant and bar serving authentic, regional Italian cuisine.

The decor of this Bethesda restaurant is quite stunning. Guests will be drawn in by the welcoming atmosphere which includes a brushed stainless steel bar, a granite communal high top dining table, hardwood floors, focused lighting, and a semi-private dining area which can be closed off for private parties for up to 40 guests.

Agio serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Signature items at this Bethesda restaurant include calamari, garlic bread with tomato and ricotta fondue, osso bucco, spaghetti alla carbonara, citrus and herb roasted half chicken, tiramisu, and lemon semi freddo.

A NEW LOOK TO THE BETHESDA HOTEL'S MEETING & EVENT SPACE

The hotel's 4,592-square-foot Grand Ballroom (seating capacity of 400) and the Maryland and Kenwood suites have also been completely renovated at a cost of \$1 million. The meeting and event space has been designed to enhance the experience for both weddings and corporate events and includes the addition of a state-of-the-art audio-visual system and new floor and wall coverings in an engaging color scheme which runs throughout the foyer and ballroom.

A STYLISH WELCOME TO THE BETHESDA MARRIOTT

Guests arriving at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel will immediately be welcomed by the new look and feel. The hotel has transformed the lobby into a space where guests can easily and successfully merge business and social activities whether alone or in a group. The look is stylish, contemporary, and sleek.

Other changes at the Bethesda hotel include the complete renovation of the Fitness Center adding new state-of-the-art cardio theater equipment which provides each guest with their own personal television.

This summer, the hotel's Congressional Ballroom will undergo renovation to complete the refurbishment project at the hotel.

BETHESDA MARRIOTT HOTEL

The Bethesda Marriott Hotel is conveniently located just minutes from downtown Bethesda MD, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and downtown Washington DC. This magnificent, suburban hotel on Pooks Hill Road is beautifully situated on 15 acres of pristine Montgomery County landscape. With world-class shopping, dining, and cultural venues within a short distance, Bethesda Marriott Hotel guests are sure to enjoy their stay at the metro Washington DC hotel whether it be for a DC weekend getaway, business and leisure travel, a wedding or social affair, or a corporate function. The hotel is easily accessible from the DC metro area, Reagan National Airport, BWI Airport, and Dulles airport.

For additional information or reservations, call 301-897-9400 or 1-800-228-9290.

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