

## **Courtyard by Marriott Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard Completes Renovations Amid Pandemic**

**Philadelphia, PA - December 14, 2020** – [Courtyard by Marriott Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard](#) recently completed renovations to its public and meeting spaces in an ongoing effort to enhance the guest experience.

The Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard opened its doors in 2014 as the first, and still only, hotel located in The Navy Yard. In 2017, the hotel expanded to accommodate visitor demand, adding 40 rooms that increased the total key count to 212. Throughout the pandemic, the hotel has prioritized guests' health and safety in addition to completing renovations to complement the room expansion.

To elevate the public spaces of the property, the lobby and Bistro dining areas were renovated with updated seating and amenities that add a new level of sophistication and comfort for guests. The Bistro, the hotel's on-site dining, now features a modern design that transformed the space from a coffee bar to an entertainment-focused oasis. The Bistro serves all-American cuisine (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), hand-crafted cocktails, and Starbucks® coffee. Hotel guests and staff of nearby businesses enjoy The Bistro for a quick, delicious bite to eat – outdoor dining and takeout is available. The Bistro is one of the few public food and beverage options available at The Navy Yard.

Other updates include pod-style booths with individual TVs, additional outlets to give guests more access to charge devices, and an HDTV video wall consisting of eight 60" TVs. The redesigned public lounge provides space and amenities for guests to enjoy watching events and sports games from any seat in The Bistro, or get work done in a comfortable, contemporary setting. New window treatments were also designed to let in natural light.

"Our goal was to create a fresh, modern ambience with multiple zones of connection and multifunction lounge and dining spaces for the area of the hotel with the highest traffic," said Corinne Ritsick, owner of [Ritsick Design Associates](#). "By creating more open and flexible seating arrangements, the space can be easily configured for dining, a party, live entertainment or sporting events. Conveniently in the time of COVID-19, this flexibility has allowed the hotel to meet physical distancing mandates without sacrificing sociability."

The hotel's 1,400-square-foot of meeting space was renovated to accommodate new audiovisual technology and allow for various meeting sizes and purposes. The main 1,457-square-foot meeting space can accommodate up to 100 guests (without COVID restrictions) and can be divided into two smaller breakout rooms for small-scale events and meetings. The upgraded boardroom features a built-in executive board table, 65" flat-screen TV, state of the art audio visual equipment, and plenty of space for guests to meet safely and comfortably.

On the first floor of the hotel, guests can view three art galleries curated by [InLiquid](#), a Philadelphia organization dedicated to making visual arts and culture accessible in Greater Philadelphia. The galleries

— located behind the check-in desk, on the entry wall, and outside the meeting spaces — each feature a different local artist and rotate three times a year. Other amenities at the hotel include free high-speed internet access, a 24/7 on-site fitness center, lobby convenience shop, business center offering print, copy and fax services, and coin operated laundry on site.

The health and safety of guests are Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard's top priorities. Through [Marriott's Commitment to Clean](#), the hotel is committed to providing a safe environment that aligns with expert protocols through the Marriott Cleanliness Council. New enhanced cleaning technologies include electrostatic sprayers to sanitize throughout the hotel and a recently installed [Plasma Air](#) purifying system that protects against viruses in the air and on surfaces. Plasma Air is the leading innovator in indoor air quality by manufacturing HVAC and portable air purification products that result in healthier, more productive indoor environment. The system has been proven to provide the highest level of air quality improvement in all major public spaces, businesses, and homes.

Specific areas of focus include mandatory face coverings in all indoor public spaces, rigorous cleaning protocols on all surfaces using hospital-grade disinfectants with increased frequency, social distancing signage, and safe food preparation and service practices through increased inspections, and enhanced staff training. For more information, please visit <https://clean.marriott.com/>.

"The health, safety and wellness of our guests was a driving factor in our decision to install the cutting-edge Plasma Air ionization systems in each of our hotel properties," said Kam Babaoff, Chairman, Ensemble Real Estate Investments. "Guests at the Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard can maintain a level of confidence that there is clean and safe airflow throughout the property with the use of the latest bipolar ionization technology in its HVAC systems to help neutralize bacteria and viruses, and allergens."

The hotel is located in South Philadelphia's thriving Navy Yard that is home to over 20 acres of parks, outdoor dining options, public art, and a variety of outdoor events. Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard offers a prime location in the waterfront business district and is a short drive or shuttle ride to and from Center City, Philadelphia. The hotel also accommodates guests from the over 150 Navy Yard businesses, including Urban Outfitters, Inc., GSK, AlliedBarton Security Services, and FS Investments, as well as visitors from the surrounding Sports Complex, which is within walking distance.

"Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard is an anchor to future development in the area, as we provide services and amenities to our neighbors and other tenants," said Derek Beckman, General Manager of the hotel. "As the Navy Yard continues to grow and plans to expand with residential housing, we look forward to serving as a community hub that guests can look forward to visiting in our own little suburb of The Navy Yard, away from the noise of Center City."

For more information or to make reservations, please visit [Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard](#) or call 215-644-9200.

Images of the renovations can be viewed [HERE](#).

**About Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard**

Courtyard Philadelphia South at The Navy Yard offers a prime location in the historic business district, surrounded by waterfront restaurants, businesses, and outdoor space. The 212-room property offers spacious hotel rooms filled with natural light and vibrant décor, and 1,400-square-foot of meeting spaces to accommodate corporate or private events. Major league sports and music concerts at Lincoln Financial Field, Wells Fargo Center and Citizens Bank Park, all sit within walking distance, as well as bus service to and from downtown Center City. For more information visit <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phlcs-courtyard-philadelphia-south-at-the-navy-yard/>.