

Arrive Palm Springs hotel construction moves forward



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(Photo: Chris Pardo Design: Elemental Architecture)

More than two years after being announced, the Arrive Palm Springs is going vertical, making it the first new hotel construction from the ground up in this city in about 10 years.

The concrete walls making up the retail space have been poured and the groundwork plumbing for the restaurant is done, Chris Pardo, who operates Chris Pardo Design: Elemental Architecture, told me. Elemental Architecture is the design firm behind the 32-room hotel project.



An architect's sketch of the view of the lobby area of the Arrive hotel in Palm Springs. (Photo: Chris Pardo Design: Elemental Architecture)

"DW Johnston, the general contractor, is expecting to be complete and have us open in October with substantial completion in August and September," Pardo said.



An architect's sketch of the bar area inside the Arrive hotel in Palm Springs. (Photo: Chris Pardo Design: Elemental Architecture)

The Arrive isn't the only hotel going forward. A much larger 154-room hotel is also under construction in downtown Palm Springs, to be operated as a Kimpton brand property. That project is expected to go vertical next month with an opening date in the spring of 2016.

The hotel will be the signature structure in downtown's \$150 million makeover, currently underway, and it's highly likely that Mayor Steve Pougnet will mention this much-anticipated development in his annual state of the city address Thursday at the Palm Springs Convention Center.



An architect's sketch of the bar area inside the Arrive hotel in Palm Springs. (Photo: Chris Pardo Design: Elemental Architecture)

In related hotel news, AC Hotels — a Marriott brand — will soon debut its third United States property in the Washington D.C. area, to be open in March. And the AC Miami Beach is set to open in May. The brand's first hotel debuted in New Orleans in November 2014.



Poured concrete walls are beginning to take shape at site of the Arrive Palm Springs, the city's newest hotel construction, built from the ground up, in at least 10 years. (Photo: Submitted Photo: Chris Pardo)

If "AC by Marriott" sounds familiar, that's because downtown Palm Springs is set to open an AC Palm Springs in 2017, steps from the new Kimpton hotel. That project will be a 135-room hotel, fronting the new downtown event space. AC brand hotels have a younger traveler in mind. The AC Washington D.C. will offer a twist on the traditional hotel bar, with "craft beers, on-tap wines, handcrafted cocktails and a selection of small 'tapas-style' plates served by city-savvy bartenders," reads a hotel news release.

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