

Design Buzz: Greystone Manor, The Garland



Several hotels have recently undergone redesign and renovation projects. Here, **Luxury Travel Advisor** has collected some notable updates for your clients to keep an eye on when planning their next trip.

Greystone Manor and Mercato di Vetro Are Reimagined

Los Angeles-based sbe and real estate subsidiary Dakota Development have partnered with Rockwell Group to reimagine and transform Greystone Manor and Mercato di Vetro, located in Los Angeles. The properties are scheduled to reopen in 2016.

According to David Rockwell, founder and president of Rockwell Group, the design goal for Mercato di Vetro and Greystone Manor was to create multiple areas within each space to allow guests to choose their own experience.

Rockwell Group's redesign will begin with Mercato di Vetro, a two-story environment based on a European-influenced concept of several rooms surrounding a central courtyard. Once completed, the new design will include ground floor spaces with three lounges, a terrace, and a central bar. There will also be lounge areas on the second floor.

A second phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in the early winter of 2016, with the transformation of Greystone Manor. The venue will offer spaces where guests can enjoy dinners and lounges, as well as a central nightclub, which will include illuminated LED animation, graphic coverings inspired by foliage and surrealism, and elements of marble and champagne metal.



The Garland Undergoes Renovations

The Garland, located in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, has just completed a \$20 million renovation.

The hotel, owned by Beverly Garland's family-operated Rio Vista Development and managed by Marcus Hotels & Resorts, has updated the guestrooms, lobby and lobby bar, outdoor garden and events venue.

The transformation began in November 2014, and includes the property's 257 guestrooms, 14 suites, lobby and lobby bar. The spaces have been restyled in a "bohemian California style". Forchielli Glynn and Rossi Architecture are responsible for The Garland's new structures and spaces.

Additionally, The Front Yard is the hotel's new restaurant helmed by executive chef Chris Turano, which includes an outdoor patio, bar and fire pit.



The Grand Mansion Partners With I.M. Pei Architects and HBA Interior Design

Starwood's Luxury Collection has just opened **The Grand Mansion in Nanjing**, the capital of China's Jiangsu province.

The property, located on the Chanjiang Road, shares its location with the Oriental Metropolitan Museum on the archeological site of the Jiankang Palace, and includes 158 guestrooms, including 15 suites and a Presidential Suite.

Led by I.M. Pei Architects with HBA Interior Design, the hotel's design draws inspiration from Nanjing's time as the nation's capital during the Ming Dynasty and then again as the capital of the Republic of China in the early twentieth century. It has residential-inspired interiors, which include an art collection, handcrafted textiles, chinaware and a collection of books on local history and culture in the Travellers' Library, one of China's largest hotel libraries.