



## News

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### **New Raphael guest rooms to create dramatic, new experience**

The prototype showroom and guest corridor are substantially approved for construction to begin on all 126 suites and deluxe guest rooms in January, with a scheduled completion date of late-2008. The guest room remodeling incorporates all new construction, case goods, carpeting and fixtures. The aim is to create a fine home residential feel with touches of grandeur and furniture that has the look of an acquired collection.

The decor is designed to evoke the spirit of the hotel's European-influenced history and play off the Country Club Plaza's rich architecture. It also is designed to satisfy contemporary needs. Colors are fresh, yet timeless. The color palette is designed to strike a balance between dark and light through careful interplay of black, mocha and chocolate browns with whites, golds, pale yellows and earthy greens. The layering of textures—ranging from hard surfaces such as natural woods, granite and marble to rich tapestries, brocaded fabrics and silky soft wovens—is designed for both tactile and visual interest.

Amenities include a flat screen television with discreet technology to facilitate wireless communication and computer integration; digital display temperature controls; gourmet coffee brewing system; and signature toiletries including custom scented facial and body soaps, shampoo, conditioner, bath beads and lotion. Living space distinctions include granite-topped writing desk that incorporates laptop port, wired and wireless Internet access, and jackpack to integrate computer with television for audiovisual capabilities; an entertainment console with storage space, refrigerator and a merchandising component stocked with food, beverages and apparel; and gracious seating area that includes a mocha camel back sleeper sofa accented by gold damask throw pillows, comfy lounge chairs, and coffee table in mahogany-stained wood with glass inset tabletop.

Sleeping space distinctions include a bed designed for sink-into luxury with pillow-top mattress; 300 thread-count sheets; cocooning coverlet with duvet, French-pattern sham, and gold and white damask bed scarf; decorative botanical pattern Euro pillows and a white boudoir pillow with embroidered "R" logo. The bathrooms feature white marble floor with black and white veining, tub and shower with white beveled subway tile, and shower curtain with signature R. The make-up area outside bathroom features a glazed, beveled ceramic vanity with custom carved backsplash and functional drawers, artfully designed cut glass mirror, make-up mirror, decorative sconces and combination lighting.

