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# ACCOMMODATING UPGRADES

Building on already stellar reputations, a trio of Aspen-Snowmass hotels have upped their hospitality quotient just in time for summer fun.

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**Courtyard Visions** Renovations at the historic **Hotel Jerome** (330 E. Main St., [hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com](http://hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com)) include a transformation of the central courtyard, where one can enjoy a garden lunch at Prospect or a swim in the new pool—for guests. Local Rowland+Broughton Architects partnered with Las Vegas-based TAL Studio on the big-picture project, which also includes two three-bedroom residential suites and the Dunaway Room event space in a new adjacent building. The topper? The historic *Aspen Times* building next door has been restored and repurposed into a multiuse space, including underground Bad Harriet bar, named after Jerome Wheeler's wife.

**Trailside Eats** A Snowmass standout, **Viceroy Snowmass** (130 Wood Road, [viceroyhotelsandresorts.com](http://viceroyhotelsandresorts.com)) recently poured \$4 million into renovating some of its high-profile public spaces. Last December brought a welcome redesign of the lobby and the transformation of the former Eight K restaurant into TORO Kitchen & Lounge, a pan-Latin-themed spot by acclaimed chef-restaurateur Richard Sandoval. (Yes, Venga Venga in Snowmass Village is his, along with lots of other eateries around the world.) Summer brings a splashy new outdoor pool area, including spa pools and a waterfall feature, and there's a new bar that's not only poolside, but trailside as well, at Nest restaurant.



**Heritage Redefined** At The Aspen Institute in the West End of town, the newly named **Walter Isaacson Center** (845 Meadows Road, [aspenmeadows.com](http://aspenmeadows.com)), including restaurant Plato's, has been completely re-envisioned and the building expanded via the new glass-enclosed Madeleine K. Albright Pavilion. Jeffrey Berkus Architects gave due respect to the original building, which was designed in 1955 by Bauhaus architect Herbert Bayer and Aspen architect Fritz Benedict, incorporating a modern aesthetic while preserving historical elements. Renamed in honor of the Institute's long-standing leader and former president and CEO, the center is slated to open in early June.

