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Courtyard Charlotte Arrowood Unveils Major Renovation Project

Charlotte, NC, hotel boasts new lobby concept with The Bistro, GoBoard; guest rooms receive upgrade

Charlotte, NC – Guests of the <u>Courtyard Charlotte Arrowood</u> can cash in on comfort now that the hotel in the heart of a major U.S. financial hub has unveiled its nearly \$1 million makeover.

Renovations to the <u>Charlotte, NC, hotel's</u> lobby and guest rooms continue Marriott's commitment to refreshing the Courtyard brand and providing flexible areas for visitors to eat, drink, work, socialize and sleep.

Travelers will get a sense of the project's scope the second they step foot into the hotel's new state-of-



the-art lobby, where the traditional front desk has been replaced by welcome pedestals for staff members to provide one-on-one attention in a semi-private atmosphere. Media pods offer comfortable work tables where travelers can plug in their cell phones, laptops or tablets while they enjoy free wireless high-speed Internet and flat-screen TVs with personal remotes. A separate Boarding Pass Station provides a nook where guests can go to print their boarding passes, while a home theater area lets families unwind and enjoy one of the latest flicks.

The focal point of the new welcome center is a 52-inch interactive GoBoard, where guests can

view weather forecasts from across the country, search flight information, scope out things to do in Charlotte, find driving directions and get the latest news all with a simple touch.

Business professionals who want to grab a quick snack or meal in between meetings can check out the new convenient Bistro, situated just feet from the lobby. The café-style eatery provides the ultimate place to sample light breakfast and dinner fare ranging from fresh fruits, pizzas and salads to soups and sandwiches made onsite. Comfortable bar seating allows visitors to sip on Starbucks coffee, imbibe on a number of craft, domestic and imported beers or have a custom-concocted cocktail while watching flat-screen TVs displaying news, entertainment or sports programming.

Rooms at one of the newly renovated hotels near Carowinds also were transformed during the project. Guests will see warm, brightly colored walls in their sleeping quarters and bathrooms and will experience fresh, plush bedding with custom duvets, cotton-rich linens and plenty of fluffy pillows in 137 rooms and eight suites. Free high-speed, wireless Internet also is available to keep the business traveler plugged in and the casual vacationer surfing the Net.

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