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A reimaged resort debuts in Scottsdale

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The resort formerly known as FireSky has been revamped and reopened as The Scott Resort & Spa thanks to new ownership.

Near Old Town Scottsdale, the resort has completed phase one of a \$15 million renovation that updated all of the public spaces including the pool area, lobby lounge, restaurant, bar and several model rooms.

"Our goal with The Scott was to evoke the area's local Sonoran style while nodding to the property's two muses — Scottsdale founder Winfield Scott and Cuban-American immigrant Julian Duarte — through the colors of old Havana and the elegant geometry of Bauhaus," says John Grossman of Classic Hotels & Resorts, the new ownership group of The Scott.

Upon entering the resort, guests will be greeted with vibrantly colored woven textiles, comfortable seating nooks, lush indoor and outdoor plantings, historic family portraiture, and tapestries. The overall design mimics old Spanish missions and is accented by utilitarian fixtures and finishes as well as clean geometric forms.

In the lobby, caning screens contrast against the modern curved brass of Bauhaus-inspired chandeliers and rattan

settees scattered throughout, reflecting the eclectic style of Havana. Blue-glazed olive jars and indoor landscaping create an intimate seating oasis. A handcrafted, Spanish-tiled bar and existing arches reflect the traditional, original architecture of the space.

"One of the great successes of the renovation is our newly opened signature restaurant, The Canal Club. Our talented chef de cuisine, Chris Castro, has created a thoughtful menu that unites a vast range of Latin flavors," Grossman says.

Menu specialties include crispy skin salmon with Peruvian potato hash and chipotle butter (\$30) and paella with vegetables and saffron rice in a tomato broth (\$20).

"While new in concept and menu, our bar still capitalizes on the indoor-outdoor layout people loved so much at FireSky," says Grossman, noting that a massive indoor tree was planted as a new focal point for the bar.

Among the recommendations from behind the bar are the Cubano Viejo featuring rum with Demerara, lime, mint, prosecco and bitters (\$12) and the Mission Revival featuring tequila with cold-brew coffee, pineapple and bitters (\$12).

The upgrades to the resort's two lagoon-like pools include the addition of high-end cabanas and new, beautiful landscaping. Guests and locals will continue to enjoy creative cocktails and light bites from The Canal Club Poolside and can dip their toes in the resort's sandy beach pool.

"We revitalized this space with the idea of balance in mind, echoing the minimalist beauty of the desert while creating purposeful moments of intimacy," Grossman says.

Plans to continue to evolve the resort are also already underway, with a second phase planned for this year to revamp the remaining guestrooms and suites, slated for completion in the fall.

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