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► Not So Sleepy in Seattle

A “transformation”—that’s still under wraps—is coming to the Emerald City. Word from Kimpton Hotels & Resorts is that the Hotel Vintage Park will soon be known simply as the Hotel Vintage after a renovation of the lobby and all 125 guestrooms. The makeover, which will be carried out by local Seattle design firm Dawson Design Associates, calls for the lobby to become reminiscent of a wine tasting room (the hotel is, after all, wine themed), while rooms will also have wine on the mind through the use of colors, textures and fabrics. (Artwork, for instance, will be made from corks.) Twelve rooms will be named for 12 of the top wineries in the state and a selection of their wines will be in the honor bar.

► Boutique Hotels by Puccini

Puccini Group Managing Director Amy Jakubowski is leading the San Francisco-based firm into the boutique hotel world. “We have many exciting plans in store for 2014—one being the decision to increase our influence and reach in the international hotel industry, with a focus on boutique and lifestyle properties,” Jakubowski says of the firm, traditionally focused on restaurants. In addition, Puccini will build out its concept and branding arms, “as we’ve seen an immense growth in our concept studio,” Jakubowski says. As a first step in the development of Puccini Group’s hotel consulting division, Jakubowski brought on former Gettys designer Grace Machado McClurg as the firm’s design director.



► Take Notice: Architecture’s Peculiar Relationship To Behavior

The physical environment of hotels has a huge effect on the experience of the guest. So says Michael Ellis of architectural firm 5+design, based in Hollywood, Calif. “Obviously service and amenities also play a very important role in how a hotel feels, but the character of the spaces within a hotel establish a mood that pervades a guest’s stay,” he says. “Whereas in the past many hotels tried for a uniform physical character from hotel to hotel, as a means of reinforcing a particular brand, nowadays a number of hotel operators are opting for much more individual character from hotel to hotel, with the ambience or mood being the consistent link between different hotels in a chain.” He cites the Ace, Standard and Andaz as brands that currently do this well. “By making each property unique, while still providing a consistent level of quality, service and amenities, each hotel ends up feeling that much more exclusive,” Ellis says.



With wood flooring all the rage now, Carlisle Wide Plank Floors is in an enviable position. It recently launched two new flooring collections—Oyster Bay (Long Island, N.Y.), and Sunapee Lake (western New Hampshire)—both influenced by the destinations. Options include Gentle Rain, Weathered Rope and Night Sky. Both collections include deep charcoal and gray product options, and can be purchased at the company’s showrooms or online at www.wideplankflooring.com.



► Reno at the Raleigh

The Raleigh Hotel in South Beach just got that much better. It’s what happens when your 6,000-square-foot Penthouse gets an update. This time by Ashley Manhan from Avenue Interior Design, in collaboration with the sbe development team. We hear there are now new curtains, furniture, and décor, which seek to complement the hotel’s existent Art-Deco architecture. Some of the suppliers and products used for the revamp include a Casamance fabric for the drapery and Thomas O’Brien lighting. The team used two Restoration Hardware bookcases and many accessories from Made Goods, Global Views, Arteriors and Books by the Foot. In the Penthouse lobby, lucky guests will find Jonathan Adler chairs and stools, an Oly Studio console and a Worlds Away coffee table.

