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Fairmont's 90th year culminates with celebrations, renovations

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Rendering of Fairmont Royal York's new lobby. Image credit: Fairmont Royal York

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Hospitality group Fairmont Hotels and Resorts is celebrating the 90th birthday of one of its locations with a renovation.

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This year, Fairmont Royal York in Toronto hits its 90th year and will reveal an extensive update to commemorate the milestone. The renovation took years and results in a new lobby to usher in a "reborn Fairmont experience," event spaces, restaurant and bar openings and new suites.

Renovation and celebration

The renovation will be revealed at the hotel's birthday celebrations this upcoming summer.

"Fairmont Royal York has always been a defining feature of the Toronto skyline and we are excited to announce the next stage in its time-honored history," said Edwin Frizzell, regional vice president and general manager of Fairmont Royal York, in a statement. "As we celebrate 90 years of outstanding service, incredible people and history-making moments, it is with great pride that we prepare to unveil the most significant transformation this building has ever seen.

"A grand scale renovation that both modernizes the property and stays true to our past, this project is a reflection of our storied history and a look into our exciting future," he said.

The history of Toronto is represented in the lobby of the hotel from past to present, with heritage character and modern elements. While its events, meetings and wedding spaces highlight the historic aspects of the building, it reflect a more modern style.

This March, Fairmont Royal York is also launching Fairmont Gold, a luxury service that includes renovated suites, a lounge on the 18th floor and personalized customer service.

Fairmont Executive Chef JW Foster has created four new dining concepts in the hotel and will incorporate a relationship with Ontario farmers for local, sustainable ingredients.

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Two new Legacy Suites will also be unveiled as part of the renovation, focusing on downtown Toronto and residential-style living.

Fairmont recently commemorated its longtime connection to the film industry with a traveling event series that will appeal to travelers and movie buffs.

Over the last several decades, Fairmont properties around the world have been featured in more than 250 motion pictures. The hospitality group, which is headquartered in Toronto, launched the event series "Fairmont Loves Film" at the Fairmont Royal York this past September during the Toronto International Film Festival ([see story](#)).