## A DESERT OASIS

Thompson Palm Springs ushers in a new era of style and luxury

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Palm Springs has no shortage of visitor accommodations, from sprawling golf resorts to hip hotels that cater to the party crowd to stylishly renovated midcentury motels. But what has been missing is refined elegance in the heart of downtown. Until now, that is.

The long-awaited Thompson Palm Springs (the concept was originally ideated as an Andaz back in 2015) opened in October 2024. Spanning twoand-a-half city blocks along Palm Canyon Drive and bridging downtown home to long-standing tourist shops, casual restaurants and national retail chains - and the Uptown Design District - filled with vintage and high-end designer shops, art galleries and fashion retailers, such as local favorite Trina Turk - it is an exciting destination that celebrates the distinctive culture and creativity of Southern California's mid-mod oasis.

True to the city's iconic character, the property's 168 bungalow-inspired rooms, including 18 suites, are decked out in a chic blend of midcentury modern design and Thompson's well-established sophisticated style - all with a touch of desert flair. Rooms range from a 350-square-foot king stay to the 1,750-square-foot Thompson Suite. Clean lines; plush textiles; light wood accents; and soothing hues of creams, beige and gold allow views of the downtown skyline set against the backdrop of the San Jacinto Mountains to take center stage.

An exclusive adults-only tower, Upper Stories, is slated to open early this year. It will include 42 guestrooms, including five suites, and will feature a private pool and lounge.

Of course, the Thompson offers more than a luxurious night's rest. The hotel is anchored by unique food and drink options that complement Palm Springs' already vibrant culinary scene. Chef Quentin Garcia's Lola Rose Grand Mezze explores Levantine cuisine. The dynamic menu showcases creative small plates and shareable dishes inspired by Garcia's travels through Turkey, Greece and Egypt. Local flavors shine at the HALL Napa Valley Tasting Room and Wine Lounge, which elevates the artistry of the region's viticulture and winemaking. And coming early this year is Bar Issi, a casual Mediterranean concept.

According to the hotel, a focal point of the guest experience is the array of custom art curated by Virginia Shore of Shore Art Advisory. The collection spotlights diverse, contemporary works by renowned local and international artists, including key pieces by queer Choctaw and Cherokee artist Jeffrey Gibson and sculptor Gerald Clarke from the Cahuilla Band of Indians.

Rooms at the pet-friendly Thompson Palm Springs start at \$550 per night, and a daily resort fee of \$49 is applied to each room.

Learn more at www.hyatt.com.