

## Hotel's Modern Renovation Preserves Historic Appeal

The four diamond **Grande Colonial Hotel**, located in the Village of La Jolla, is undergoing a \$500,000 renovation of the hotel's entry and foyer, lobby and surrounding public spaces and three adjacent meeting rooms. The project began in December and is expected to be completed the first week of January.

Interior design will be provided by **Warren Sheets Design Inc.**, a San Francisco-based architectural and interior design firm noted locally for its work on **The Grand Del Mar**.

As part of the extensive overhaul, the entire main lobby, elevator foyer and lower public restroom foyer will be completely refurbished to include new Giallo Royale and Calcutta White polished marble and black Galaxy Granite flooring. New wall coverings, paint, lighting, furniture and artwork will also be added. The lobby's existing fireplace and all of the original crown molding will also be restored.

Two of the hotel's three meeting rooms located off the main lobby will receive new flooring, wall coverings and meeting room chairs. One of the meeting rooms, the Sun Room, which was the hotel's original lobby in 1913, will also receive new entry doors, custom built-in cabinets, a buffet station, new window coverings and a more traditional refurbishment of the fireplace facade.

The sophisticated new décor will carefully preserve the hotel's enduring historic appeal, while infusing modern elements such as bold colors of azure and Mediterranean blue, accompanied by warm golds. The new design will infuse a classic European ambience and a refined, contemporary sophistication.

The hotel's La Jolla Room, located just off the main lobby with direct access to Prospect Street, will be used as a temporary lobby area and entrance during the three-week renovation. Access to **Nine-Ten Restaurant** will still be available through the restaurant's front entrance, which faces Prospect Street.