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Hotel

OMNI FORT LAUDERDALE Hotel

OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BROWARD COUNTY, VISIT LAUDERDALE, AND DEVELOPER MATTHEWS SOUTHWEST, HAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THE DOORS OF OMNI FORT LAUDERDALE HOTEL.



This debut signals the brand's flagship arrival to Greater Fort Lauderdale, introducing a new benchmark for sophisticated coastal luxury and elevated hospitality in South Florida. Marking a key achievement in the Broward County Convention Center District expansion, the hotel now serves as its definitive anchor, setting a new regional standard as a world-class destination for meetings, events, and leisure.

Commanding a prime waterfront location on the scenic Intracoastal Waterway, the hotel seamlessly blends sophisticated and modern design with the relaxed charm of

the Gold Coast, all enhanced by Omni's heartfelt, personalized service. Guests will discover 801 elegantly appointed guest rooms, including 82 suites, seven distinctive dining venues, a full-service Mokara Spa and fitness center, over 120,000 square feet of flexible meeting & event space, and an expansive panoramic pool deck. The hotel's offerings are further complemented by unparalleled convenience, with direct access to the convention center and minutes from pristine beaches, Port Everglades Cruise Terminal, and Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport. ➤

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A LANDMARK PARTNERSHIP

Omni Fort Lauderdale represents a momentous achievement for Broward County, as it meets a long-standing demand for premium, on-site convention accommodations, enabling the region to capture large-scale international events and accelerate tourism growth. This milestone is the culmination of a collaborative effort among Omni Hotels & Resorts, Broward County, Visit Lauderdale, and developer Matthews Southwest. Serving as the cornerstone of the Broward County Convention Center Expansion, the hotel stands as a powerful catalyst for economic prosperity, with the entire project poised to generate more than \$450 million for the local economy and create more than 3,000 full- and part-time jobs.

Gayla Guyse, General Manager of Omni Fort Lauderdale, said: “Our prime waterfront location, exceptional amenities, and seamless integration with the convention center uniquely position us as a premier meetings and leisure destination on a global scale. This allows us to drive meaningful economic impact, continue to create professional opportunities for our community, and deliver the award-winning service that defines the Omni experience.”



A COASTAL SANCTUARY INSPIRED BY FLORIDA'S NATURAL BEAUTY

Conceived by Nunzio Marc DeSantis Architects, in collaboration with Balfour Beatty (design builder) and Stantec (architect of record), with interiors by EoA Group, the hotel's design is a contemporary architectural tribute to Florida's stunning landscapes. The interior design vision was directly inspired by the legendary journey of the “Barefoot Mailman,” the 19th-century couriers who once crossed beaches, rivers, and marshes on foot to connect distant communities along Florida's coast. From the moment of arrival, the hotel's design narrative unfolds, guiding guests along a symbolic trail from land through the Everglades to the shoreline, harbor, and channel, ending in open water.



“This was a project where complexity and coordination could have easily overtaken design intent. We focused on keeping the narrative crystal clear - about movement, progression, and the spirit of the barefoot mailman - to ensure every contributor really understood it, internalized it, and bought into it. This alignment of vision helps protect that core idea at every scale of the final design. The end result is something you can really feel when on site. From little touches to large gestures- the arrival ground-floor, ballrooms, and guestrooms all sing,” said Alex Tomlinson, Principal, Architecture, at EoA Group. »





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A PREMIER MEETINGS & EVENTS DESTINATION

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intracoastal views. Beyond the grand ballroom, highlights include the 15,000-square-foot Port Everglades Ballroom, 47 distinct spaces, 27 breakout rooms, and scenic outdoor terraces across three dedicated levels. With the adjacent convention center, the property offers a truly top-tier luxury venue for distinguished corporate gatherings, weddings, and significant events. »

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DISTINCTIVE DINING WITH SOUTH FLORIDA FLAVOR

Under the direction of Executive Chef Cristian Mosquera, a Greater Fort Lauderdale native and Le Cordon Bleu trained chef, the hotel’s culinary program celebrates regional ingredients and global influences. Chef Mosquera infuses every menu with creativity and authenticity rooted in South Florida inspiration, and his Colombian heritage prioritizes hyper-local sourcing, ensuring menus reflect the region’s bounty. The hotel’s culinary program spans six dining experiences

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- **Fair Ketch:** A dynamic sports bar featuring a state-of-the-art Topgolf Swing Suite.
- **Reef 76 Kitchen & Bar:** The signature restaurant showcasing coastal cuisine fused with bold Caribbean influence.
- **Ibis Sky Lounge:** A rooftop social lounge with unparalleled views and craft cocktails.

- **Hidden Key:** A sophisticated lobby bar with indoor and outdoor waterfront seating.
- **Tide Coastal Kitchen:** An exclusive poolside retreat for in-house guests featuring fresh coastal flavors and handcrafted cocktails.
- **Leeward Market:** A café offering specialty coffee, pastries, and grab-and-go options. »





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GOLD COAST WELLNESS & RELAXATION

Inspired by Florida's natural springs, the Mokara Spa offers a tranquil escape with therapeutic massages, facials, and signature Hammam steam rituals. Spanning over 8,500 square feet on level 10, this relaxing sanctuary features eight treatment rooms, a Hammam, a steam room, a courtyard with an intimate plunge pool, and a relaxation lounge. Adjacent to the spa, the

hotel's wellness journey continues in a state-of-the-art fitness center. The fitness center offers a powerful workout experience complemented by magnificent city views. Steps from the spa and fitness center, the expansive resort-style pool deck features private cabanas and an event lawn with sweeping Intracoastal Waterway, Atlantic Ocean, and city views. ■