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Revel gives sneak peek of its Las Vegas style glitz and glam

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Revel resort and casino preview



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Atlantic City's newest

[hotel and casino](#)

invites guests to “revel” in the splendor of the sea while experiencing a bigger-than-life resort.

Revel, the 6.5 million-square-foot resort, opened its doors Tuesday for a sneak peek tour of the \$2.4 billion project.

“I’m proud for a lot of reasons,” said Edward Cettina, chief operating officer and regional manager of Tishman Construction Corporation, the company that built the resort.

“Everyone did a great job with Revel. This is like our Super Bowl.”

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Though the resort is scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend, the road to opening day has not been an easy one.

Cettina said construction began in December 2006 with the first meeting between representatives from Revel and Tishman.

“We started building at the end of 2006 right when the financial crisis hit,” he said.

Then, the Revel team experienced a tragedy of their own when a plane crash in summer 2008 took the lives of several colleagues, according to Cettina.

Cettina said he moved to Atlantic City for five months to help any way he could, and to await a decision from Morgan Stanley, the project's financial firm, of how the project was going to proceed.

"The outside structure was complete by the end of 2010," Cettina said. "Financing was finally in place by the end of 2011, so everything you see in here has been done since then. When we first walked in in 2010, it was just super structure steel, spray-in fire proofing and cement floors."

He said a lot of hard work and dedication has brought Revel to where it is today — nearly ready to accept visitors.

At the center of the spa is the 3,000-square-foot, co-ed bathhouse featuring a heated mineral pool with a soothing hammam (Turkish bath), a deluge shower, purifying steam rooms and the spa bar.

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"The spa was designed with a holistic approach to well being," Markowitz said. "People who seek out the best fitness, spa and healing experience will come here."

Revel also brings guests outdoors with the Sky Garden and The Cabanas.

"The Sky Garden evolved over the design process and again, enhances the ocean view," Cettina said. "And The Cabanas are another terrific feature of the club."

With more than 15 private cabana-style rooms, The Cabanas offer private pools, sun decks, and open-air rooms with couches, flat-screen televisions and beverage service.

"There's a great view of the ocean," Cettina said. "In the summer, how great is it going to be to be out here?"

And when guests are ready for some excitement after all the relaxation, The Ovation Hall theater will be hosting some of the nation's top acts.

The 4,500-seat theater is intimate, versatile and ready to welcome [its first major act, Beyonce.](#)

“This is an extremely high-energy stage,” Pageau said. “We’re so honored. This is Beyonce’s first show back and she chose to come here for not only one show, but three. It’s going to be a great party.”

Overall, Revel is a modern resort with many amenities for guests to enjoy.

“Revel is a signature property, unparalleled on the East Coast,” said Michael Prifti of Philadelphia’s BLT Architects, one of Revels’ main architects. “This is equal to Las Vegas at the Jersey Shore. It speaks to the ocean and natural sunlight everyday of the year.”

For more information, visit www.revelresorts.com.

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