

THE DUPONT CIRCLE

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Multi-million-dollar transformation to be unveiled by The Doyle Collection's design team in collaboration with Martin Brudnizki and Clodagh Design



Following the recent relaunch of The Bloomsbury which took London by storm, The Doyle Collection - the Irish, family owned and managed group of luxury hotels in Ireland, the UK, and US – has set its sights on Washington DC and The Dupont Circle.

This multimillion-dollar hotel transformation has been led by Bernie Gallagher, Chairman of The Doyle Collection and daughter of the company founder the late PV Doyle, in collaboration with interior designer, Martin Brudnizki and New York based designer Clodagh. The exciting and chic new bar and restaurant have been designed by Martin Brudnizki, while Clodagh has redesigned the hotel foyer and created a spectacular rooftop terrace suite. The Dupont Hotel will bring a fusion of both American and European style and service to the city. It will relaunch in Spring 2019, complete with a new bar, restaurant, lobby, along with 327 rooms and Terrace Suites, including one of the largest penthouses in Washington DC. In addition, renowned General Manager Joel Freyberg has recently joined the team to lead the launch.

Bernie Gallagher, Chairman of The Doyle Collection – *“We are excited to reintroduce The Dupont Circle Hotel following an extensive renovation. The newly completed bar and restaurant along with the lobby and rooftop terrace suites will be the culmination of this major investment. The Dupont Circle is one of Washington’s best located hotels and our vision is for the hotel to become the social hub of this vibrant neighborhood in the center of the city. I am delighted to see this vision for the hotel come to life, alongside Pat King our group CEO and renowned General Manager Joel Freyberg and look forward to sharing it with our guests.”*

A NEW DINING DESTINATION FOR THE CAPITAL

New restaurant and garden terrace to launch alongside *Doyle* bar and *Doyle & Co* coffee and chocolate bar

The iconic Bar Dupont, with its panoramic views of Dupont Circle, has been transformed into *Doyle* by Martin Brudnizki Design Studio – a glamorous club-like bar with a chic mid-century feel. Working with the original 1950s' architecture of the building, rich walnut paneling, open fires and flattering lighting, a warm and welcoming atmosphere has been created. Custom upholstery in shades of rich greens, yellows and blues will be brought together by geometric patterns, brass detailing and polished surfaces.

The new restaurant will have a light, fresh feel with white- finished timber panelled walls and wooden slatted flooring, complete with cherry blossom trees, paying homage to Washington's famous cherry blossom season (typically between March – April). The restaurant will have brass globe light fixtures, mirrors, glass and a colour palette of soft grey blue and red, adding warmth to the mid-century inspired furniture. Large glazed windows give impressive views of the terrace and across the city. The expansive outdoor terrace will overlook the bustling neighborhood. Guests can choose to eat al fresco here and opt for relaxed, soft sofa seating or more traditional drucker-style tables and chairs.

Doyle & Co is the new coffee and chocolate bar at the hotel and will bring a relaxed and casual element to The Dupont Circle and will allow locals and guests to pop in for takeaway drinks and light snacks. Echoing the bright design of the restaurant, *Doyle & Co* will also blend ceramic tiles with rustic-style shelving. The slatted wooden floor contrasts with leather-finished bar stools, will provide a place in which to perch while guests wait for their coffee or takeout snack.

SUITE DREAMS BY CLODAGH

The most sought-after hotel rooftop suites and a 5,000sq ft Penthouse

The Rooftop Floor will be transformed to house some of the top suites in the city. A 5,000sq ft Penthouse suite will be created with an enormous garden terrace overlooking the Dupont Circle with views of the Washington Monument. This suite will comprise two master bedrooms and a large living and dining area. Designed by Clodagh, the palette will be very neutral with a midcentury aesthetic with stylish details such as ribbed glass mirrors, brass, and live-edge wooden pieces. The fireplace, wet bar, dining table, and lounge area will ensure the suite is home to Washington's most exclusive social gatherings. The terrace will be heated year-round space with lush planting and sleek furniture for lounging and will include a firepit and projector for al fresco movie nights. Many of the remaining 13 suites housed on The Rooftop will have large heated terraces and outdoor furniture of their own, making them some of the only suites in the city with outdoor spaces for guests to enjoy.

LOBBY LOUNGING...

Exclusive to guests, this city oasis is perfect for people watching, celeb spotting and remote working

The exclusive new lobby will also be designed by Clodagh and will entice guests to relax in a new residence-only space, complete with a cosy fireplace and the look of a high-end apartment. It will have a private members club feel and the furnishings will include slatted window fixtures and a look through bookcase with brass accents. There will also be wooden work table in the lobby with inconspicuous outlets as a shared workspace.

The transformation of The Dupont Circle Hotel is an important focus for Gallagher, whose vision for the brand has been to create a group of hotels at the forefront of cool design and product innovation with superb service, whilst remaining deeply rooted to their respective local areas. The timing is ideal as the

Dupont Circle area has become a buzzing hub of social activity in the city for residents and tourists alike. Perfectly located between the upmarket residential districts of Georgetown and Kalorama and the historic and political hub of the city – it's the perfect location for anyone wanting to eat, drink or stay in the capital.

The hotel will relaunch in Spring 2019. Rates will start from \$300 per night.

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About The Doyle Collection

At the heart of our business is a warmth of service that stems from our family ownership, imbuing our properties with the familiarity of a member's club and the intimacy of a private home.

Each of our eight hotels – landmark buildings in unrivalled city locations, has its own distinct personality that is rooted in, and authentic to, its neighbourhood.

Innovation and ongoing investment ensure a boutique, cosmopolitan yet local feel – as seen in our cool destination restaurants, bars and event spaces – while our heritage lends character to our vision of informal luxury, timeless style and the very best guest experience.

About Doyle DISCOVERY Loyalty

A memorable trip demands more than a comfortable stay. The Doyle Collection is a proud member of DISCOVERY, an award-winning global loyalty programme, providing 11 million members recognition and perks across over 500 hotels, resorts and palaces in 78 countries. Elite members have the opportunity to immerse themselves in local culture through *Local Experiences*, distinctive activities that capture an authentic taste of each destination. For more information, visit discoveryloyalty.com

Martin Brudnizki Design Studio

Martin Brudnizki Design Studio is an internationally acclaimed interior architecture and design practice with a team composed of over 70 interior designers, architects, lighting designers and product designers. They specialize in transforming hotels, restaurants, bars, private members' clubs, residential developments and more. The Studio has a reputation for creating some of the world's most celebrated interiors including; The Beekman in New York, The Ivy, Soho Beach House Miami, and The Coral Room at The Bloomsbury in London.

Clodagh Design

Clodagh passionately believes that good design supports well-being and that it can transform people's lives. She feels that clutter can undermine serenity, but minimalism should not be self-denying. The experience of entering a Clodagh designed space is one of blissful serenity. A believer in the tenets of integrative medicine which addresses the entire body and psyche as a whole, Clodagh embraces both ancient and cutting-edge methods in an effort to comfort not only the body but also the mind. She was among the earliest adopters of Feng Shui in her design practice. Clodagh is once again ahead of the curve by now incorporating such cutting-edge modalities as chromatherapy and biophilia into all of her projects.