

Dever Architects Celebrates Two Hotel Grand Openings



Above: "Home2 Suites King of Prussia, 2018" Photo by Tom McKenna.

Right: "Comfort Inn and Suites King of Prussia 2015" Photo by Tom McKenna. Used with permission from Dever Architects.



Two Home2 Suites have recently had their grand openings: one in King of Prussia, PA and another in Warminster, PA.

In 1986, Tom Dever designed the original Lodging Unlimited Hotel, with an angular front entry and a circular breakfast room, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Eventually, the owners converted it to a Comfort Inn and Suites, turning the angular roof feature into a curved one.

In 2015, a new set of owners decided to make another major change and turned back to Tom Dever and his firm. This time, the hotel was converted to a Home2 Suites, which involved more drastic changes – in both the aesthetics and in the structural design.

Home2 Suites is a Hilton brand (and is described in depth in the Dever Architects September 2017 Newsletter) that required several signature items in order to be converted: the curved breakfast room needed to be squared off, a new porte cochere entry had to be added, a patio with fire pits and pergola-like covers was needed, and, perhaps the most notable staple of the Home2 brand, the "Beacon", with its glass topper that glows at night, was an absolute requirement.

Dever Architects worked for over a year on the design and value engineering, figuring out the best ways to adapt the existing façade to meet Home2's look and the best ways to reconfigure the interior in order to meet Home2's functional needs while also meeting the owner's strict budget.

But a renovation is always more challenging than a new build.

For over a year of construction, Dever Architects also worked with the owner and Hilton as the contractor found existing conditions that could hinder the planned design, resulting in architect's sketches to both adapt to the situation and keep the owner and the brand pleased.

Home2 Suites in King of Prussia opened on October 29th, 2018.

The Home2 Suites in Warminster, Pennsylvania, is a new hotel based on the end-“Beacon” prototype model. The 61,700 square-foot hotel was designed with an enlarged lobby area (725-square feet larger than the standard model) and with more queen/queen units than the average Home2.

Dever Architects played a crucial role in helping the owners decide on their final exterior finishes – as a brand, Home2 allows for a wide variety of materials and colors to be used. Dever Architects prepared renderings of several different colors in order to help the owners decide on their color scheme.

Now, after just over a year of construction, the Home 2 Suites in Warminster opened November 7th, 2018.

Dever Architects is proud to celebrate the openings of both hotels with their owners and are excited for what the future will bring them and their new buildings.

Dever Architects is also working on three other Home2 Suites in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including the Home2 under construction in Ridley, PA. They also designed the Home2 Suites that opened in Bordentown, NJ.



Above: “Home2 Suites Warminster, 2018” Photo by Tom McKenna
Left: “Home2 Suites Warminster Rendering” by Allison Klingler. Used with permission by Dever Architects
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