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# CUSTOM & BOUTIQUE HOTELS



Above: "Concordville Hotel and Conference Center, built 1986" Photo from Best Western Hotels and Resorts

## Dever Architects is Celebrating 35 Years: Custom Designed & Boutique Hotels

In honor of Dever Architects' 35th anniversary, all our 2020 newsletters will reflect on the projects and clients that made such a milestone possible, as well as the projects and clients that will keep us around for the next 35 years.

Dever Architects is well known for our hospitality and hotel architecture. While we design many branded hotels that are required to follow prototypical layouts, some owners want one-of-a-kind or boutique hotels with a design that starts from scratch.

In 1985, Dever Architects designed the Concordville Hotel and Conference Center. This custom, six-story hotel features 115 guestrooms and 6 meeting and banquet rooms. The grounds showcase fountains and gazebos to create a picturesque setting. The sixth story is tucked under the standing-seam metal roof, with gables bringing light into the rooms on that floor. This creates an appealing, varied roofline and allows for rooms that zoning height restrictions would otherwise have prevented.

Concordville Inn Hotel was such a successful project, that the owners later commissioned renovations to an existing restaurant, ballroom, and inn plus the construction of a new venue space and hotel. That project was Inn at Mendenhall and it opened in 1991.

Inn at Mendenhall's design features, including its pitched roof and top wall molding, are inspired by its late-1800s surroundings. The L-shaped floor plan and site near the street helps the new hotel connect to the existing ballrooms, hides the parking, and creates a courtyard space for the conference rooms on the hotels' first floor.



Above: "Inn at Mendenhall, BW Premier Collection, built 1991" Photo from Best Western Hotels & Resorts

Above: "Ramada Place by Wyndham Geneva Lakefront Resort, built 1997"

A few years later, Dever Architects designed a custom hotel that utilized modular units for their guestrooms. Located in the Finger Lakes region of New York, the Ramada Place by Wyndham Geneva Lakefront Resort opened in 1997.

This hotel includes 148 rooms, large ballroom, restaurant, and a patio that sits on the banks of Seneca Lake. The rusticated base and original buff-colored exterior was designed to relate to the nearby historic buildings, including the 1894 Smith Opera House.

Our latest custom hotel, which just opened last year on Long Beach Island, NJ, is Hotel LBI, now one of the Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Journal's Best of 2019 Hospitality Projects.

Designed in the grand Victorian style, Hotel LBI is one of New Jersey's finest coastal hotels. With the perfect blend of comfort and luxury, Hotel LBI boasts over 100 rooms, a restaurant, an indoor-outdoor pool, various venue spaces, and a spa and salon. It's perfect for a night out, weddings, or a family vacation.

Since our earliest days, Dever Architects has carefully and successfully designed custom hotels to meet our clients' every need. In total, we have designed 5 completely custom hotels, exactly as their owners wanted, working to make sure all the amenities and guestrooms needed for a functional hotel made their way into the design.



Above: "Hotel LBI, built 2019" Photo by Tom Dever

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