

Historic Dallas hotel completes 8-figure renovation with Michelin-starred chef's new restaurant



Story Highlights

- The Stoneleigh completed a \$20 million renovation of its guestrooms, suites, restaurants, amenities, more.
- Michelin-star chef Michael White leads new restaurant Lions Den and Bar Leonessa.

The \$20 million project made significant upgrades to the hotel's lobby, 176 guest rooms and 72 suites led by London-based design firm Fettle. Touchups were inspired by interior designer Dorothy Draper, who gave The Stoneleigh its well-known vibrant coloring and dramatic patterns. The reworked rooms include wool carpeting, funky wallpaper and 1930s-inspired furniture.





Central to the renovation was the elevation of The Stoneleigh's food and beverage offerings. The hotel tapped Michael White, a Michelin-star and James Beard Award-winning chef behind multiple high-profile Italian restaurants including Marea in New York City, to lead the new restaurant and new bar at the hotel. Both opened May 7 and mark White's debut in Dallas.

Lions Den is a supper club featuring cuisine from the Italian coastline, a signature from White. Alongside the Italian staples like house made pastas, signature dinner dishes include a Porterhouse special, a Dover sole and a Marsala-finished veal chop. By day, Lions Den will serve breakfast, lunch and weekend brunch.



Bar Leonessa doubles as a cocktail lounge by night and a cafe by day. Late night bites include grilled octopus, garganelli pasta, oysters topped with caviar and shareable desserts. The menu switches at dawn to offer espresso and pastries.

White also extended his menu to the newly renovated pool and terrace. Poolside plates include lobster rolls and mini corndogs paired with frozen cocktails and spritzes.

Other areas that received renovations included meeting spaces and private event rooms, and adding a fitness center. Included in the overhaul will also be a new approach to community programming, like live music and events.

The hotel at 2927 Maple Ave. remained open to guests during the renovations, which began in October 2025. The Stoneleigh, which formerly operated under the Le Méridien brand, now falls under [Marriott](#)'s high-end Autograph Collection with more than 300 properties worldwide. Other North Texas hotels in that portfolio include The Drover and The Sinclair in Fort Worth, Hotel Vin in Grapevine and the Hall Park Hotel in Frisco.



The Stoneleigh is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has gone through a number of upgrades throughout the last 20 years, including an extensive \$36 million redo in 2008 and a \$4 million upgrade in 2015.

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