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Longtime Galt House bar to reopen with new look (RENDERINGS)



Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar will reopen this fall as part of a larger \$80 million renovation of the Galt House Hotel at Fourth and Main streets.

COURTESY OF THE GALT HOUSE HOTEL



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A Galt House staple and one of the founding members of the Urban Bourbon Trail is set to debut a much different look later this year

Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar will reopen this fall as part of a larger \$80 million renovation of the Galt House Hotel at Fourth and Main streets. The bourbon bar offers nearly 180 bourbon selections, from traditional and high rye to wheat options, and will be serving patrons from an expansive copper bar, according to a news release. Jockey Silks' in-house bourbon team also will be offering a rotating selection of curated bourbon flights.

The menu will be seasonally adjusted and will have plenty of drinks for those who are not

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also will craft modern versions of classic cocktails, such as the Gibson martini and Pisco sour, the release said.

Jockey Silks also has something for those who don't drink. Known as the "clearheaded" section of the menu, Jockey Silks will offer an assortment of alcohol-free cocktails with "unexpected flavor profiles" alongside food items that include a double-stack cheeseburger, bread and butter pickles and barbecue peanuts, according to the release.

"The new Jockey Silks goes beyond our bourbon purist roots to welcome all, from the cocktail adventurer to the local beer lover," [Scott Shoenberger](#), president and CEO of the Al J.Schneider Co., the parent company of The Galt House, said in the release.

"It's a warm, inviting space that celebrates the heritage that makes Louisville legendary."



A different view of the revamped Jockey Silks lounge, which will soon reopen

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As noted, a lot of changes are coming to the Galt House – and they are rolling out incrementally. In July, we [reported](#) that a new restaurant, called Swizzle, is replacing the rotating restaurant, Rivue.

Swizzle is inspired by a former downtown restaurant of the same name that operated on Chestnut Street in the 1940s and 1950s. At that time, Swizzle was named for the drink stirrers that could mix a patron's cocktail with just a quick swirl and was billed as the "headquarters for grand food."

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Swizzle will feature prime steaks, chops, sustainable seafood, local produce and retro-inspired beverages once open.

Keeping it retro, the Galt House also said in July that it is bringing a historic Louisville restaurant back to life in a new brasserie-style eatery called Walker's Exchange. Located in the hotel's West Tower, the establishment will pay homage to Louisville's early days as a bustling port city and is named for a restaurant that opened in the same site nearly 200 years ago. Walker's Exchange is set to open in November in conjunction with Jockey Silks.

The Galt House also debuted its new guestrooms earlier this year and is set to show off its new meeting spaces later this week.

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