

Bahamas Restaurant Bounces Back from Hurricane Damage

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In October 2016, a hurricane damaged the **One&Only Club on Paradise Island** in the Bahamas. Chef Jean Georges Vongerichten's restaurant Dune suffered significant wind and water damage, resulting in a temporary closure.

Jeffrey Beers International's (JBI) team was tasked with the renovation and the result is a brighter interior with increased seating in both the dining area and the lounge. ←



“Our desire was to ensure that the spirit of the iconic restaurant retained its original character while also providing a fresh palette with hues taken from the natural surroundings,” says Architect Jeffrey G. Beers, founder and CEO of JBI.



Dove grey Anigre wood millwork, porcelain floor tiles in a cerused wood finish, and warm grey upholstery accented with coral fabrics in abstract and geometric patterns create a light and airy aesthetic.

There is a main and private dining area separated by sliding louvered doors. JBI replaced light box screens at each column in the restaurant with drapery for a softer, more romantic design element. They also extended the soffits and added uplights in the dining rooms and wrapped one corner of the walls in each with millwork panels that incorporate a service station and book shelves.

Open kitchen screens were replaced with mirrored, textured interlayer glass panels that will reflect and refract light to further brighten the dining room. The main dining area also features blackened metal bell-shaped pendant light fixtures suspended at varying heights. An oversized wood and metal shade chandelier adds a dramatic touch to the private dining room.



Designers reconstructed the original illuminated bar, adding a white quartzite top with subtle grey veining accented with crisp white wood planks on the bar face. A rustic chandelier hangs over the bar. The existing teak furniture was refinished and complemented with white upholstery.

Adding several new bar height tables and lounge seating at the rear of the bar expanded options for guests. All guests now enjoy enhanced views from the new windows, which were enlarged and feature lower sills.



The existing patio was extended as well, creating both dining and lounge areas for guests. A new trellis shelters diners from sun, rain and wind while the lounge seating encourages guests to linger and enjoy the view.

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