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Take a Tour of the Renovated One&Only Ocean Club in the Bahamas

The resort gives *AD* an exclusive first look at the transformation of its historic Hartford Wing

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Jeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International worked with HKS Architects on the renovation of the One&Only Ocean Club's historic Hartford Wing. "The color palette was derived from the indigenous colors found on Paradise Island and throughout the Caribbean, such as azul, teal, turquoise, and persimmon," he says.

Even the most luxurious vacation properties sometimes need a refresh. The One&Only Ocean Club on Paradise Island off the coast of Nassau in the Bahamas has just revealed the results of a multimillion-dollar renovation of the Hartford Wing, as well as a new beachfront pool, bar, and grill. Completed in collaboration with HKS Architects and design firm Jeffrey Beers International, the project has revitalized the historic wing, which was the private estate of A&P heir Huntington Hartford II until 1962, when it became the [Ocean Club](#) (and opened with the star-studded Bal du Paradis). Designer Jeffrey Beers, who recently brought back to life the One&Only Palmilla in Los Cabos, Mexico, after the property was devastated by Hurricane Odile, was inspired by the past and location of the property. “Our desire was to ensure that the spirit of the resort, which was once a private estate, retained its rich history while also providing a fresh palette with hues taken from the natural surroundings,” says Beers.

All 52 of the wing’s rooms and suites were transformed—and enlarged—during the five-month renovation. “We increased the room size by 110 square feet, adding an expansive terrace or balcony, providing guests with views of the lush resort gardens and ocean—a first for the Hartford Wing,” says John Conway, the general manager of the One&Only Ocean Club. Those scenic views informed the interiors, where a vibrant palette of sea blues and dark corals enlivens the contemporary stone- and wood-lined spaces. The rooms are appointed with custom furnishings, while the bathrooms are enhanced by marble surfaces, rain showers, and double vanities. For Beers, the key to the design was balancing luxury and the island lifestyle. “The guest rooms in the Hartford Wing are very tailored and well detailed yet layer in the resort essence of ease and comfort,” he says.

The amenities continue outdoors, with a redesigned courtyard and a 125-foot-long infinity-edge pool. The beachfront pool, the resort’s third, offers food and beverages from the new Ocean Pool Grill, so guests can enjoy craft cocktails and locally sourced fare from the comfort of their lounge chairs.