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Sneak peek: Take a look inside Houston's second Hotel ZaZa

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The Hotel ZaZa Memorial City is just weeks away from opening and promises to deliver an artsy, eclectic touch to Memorial City and west Houston.

MetroNational, the owner and developer of the Hotel ZaZa Memorial City, offered a sneak peek of the property as well as the multifamily development that'll sit atop the hotel. The hotel will open in December, and the multifamily component, dubbed The McCarthy, will open in February 2018. **Click through the slideshow to tour Houston's second Hotel ZaZa.**



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The Hotel ZaZa, developed by MetroNational in partnership with Z Resorts LLC – offers several uniquely themed hotel suites – themes include French Connection, Asian Beauty, Passage to India, Black Gold and The Godfather – as part of its collection of "Magnificent Seven" themed hotel suites. Charles Givens, the founder, CEO and owner of Hotel ZaZa, is the creative mind behind the flag's Magnificent Seven suites. He said just about anything – a book he's reading, a film he's seen – can inspire the hotel's suites.

The suites were then designed by Dallas-based Duncan Miller Ullmann Design.

The hotel is significantly brighter and airier than its Museum District counterpart; it also boasts 11,000 square feet of ballroom space, a large 3,800-square-foot ballroom, a spa and lounge and an upscale restaurant, The Tipping Point.

"We never want (our hotels) to be cookie-cutter matches to one another," said Benjy Homsey, president of brand and development at Hotel ZaZa. He said the hotel's designers were drawn to a mid-century modern theme with clean lines and contemporary finishes.

The Hotel ZaZa spans the 1st through 10th floors; on top of the hotel sits The McCarthy, a Class A multifamily development that MetroNational will develop and Lincoln Property Group will manage. The McCarthy offers 133 residential units spanning 500 square feet to 2,000 square feet. **Click through the gallery below to tour the multifamily development.**

Rents for the multifamily units weren't disclosed; they'll be released when the apartments go to market, said Jason Johnson, president of MetroNational.

Meanwhile, the project is not MetroNational's first joint hotel-multifamily development; the Westin Hotel, which MetroNational developed in 2011, has several residential units.

"I think we're a little underserved on the multifamily side," Johnson said, when asked why the company decided to add multifamily atop the Hotel ZaZa.

There's currently 3 million square feet of office space in Memorial City, he said, as well as a robust health care system and the 1.3 million-square-foot Memorial City Mall.

Anslow Bryant is the general contractor on the Hotel ZaZa and The McCarthy. Ian Bush, formerly the general manager of the Hotel ZaZa Museum District, will manage the hotel. The hotel broke ground in October 2015 at 9787 Katy Freeway at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Bunker Hill.

The Houston Business Journal recently sat down with Johnson to chat about the Hotel ZaZa, the multifamily component and MetroNational's broader goal of bringing more residents to Memorial City. To read that story, [click here](#).

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