

The Glenn to add sex to the city

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The Glenn Hotel wants to be downtown Atlanta's sexiest small hotel.

The Glenn, scheduled to open in January after a \$20 million renovation, features a restaurant called BED, in which patrons eat while lounging on mattresses.

The New York outpost of the restaurant has been featured on "Sex in the City." And that's what The Glenn Hotel hopes people will think of when they book a night there, or come for cocktails at the rooftop bar which will have panoramic views of downtown.

"It will have a birds and the bees theme," said Brian Finkel, a partner with The Johnson Studio, which is designing the public spaces, restaurant and bar. "It will be very loungy and cool, unlike anything that's been here."

The rooftop bar, with glass railings that won't interrupt the views, also will be operated by BED, a Miami-inspired and based concept restaurant, which stands for Beverage, Entertainment and Dining.

"Like The Mondrian in Los Angeles, we want the rooftop to be active, not passive," said Ron Stang, a principal with Stevens & Wilkinson Stang & Newdow Inc. and the project's architect.

At the intersection of Marietta and Spring streets, the 10-story, 110-room property will be a stone's throw from CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, and Philips Arena, not to mention the new Georgia Aquarium and World of Coca-Cola. It's one of several new or renovated buildings in a suddenly resurgent downtown.

"As far as drama and sex appeal goes, this will be very, very different for Atlanta," said Carolyn Augur, the

owner of Blackdog Studio, which is designing all of the guest rooms.

Room amenities will include bathrooms with "peek-a-boo" windows, so that someone in the shower will be able to see the flat-screen television in the bedroom.

"It's a thing that they're doing to play on the sex appeal. The window has a shimmer screen on the window that is a metal, beaded curtain with a very watery look to it," Augur said. She's also worked on large branded upscale hotels such as Starwood.
