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### **THE LITTLE NELL RENOVATES LOBBY, LIVING ROOM, CHAIR 9 APRES-SKI BAR AND AJAX TAVERN RESTAURANT**



*Ajax Tavern rendering provided by Rowland + Broughton*

**Aspen, Colo. (June 7, 2019)** - As Aspen transitioned from a banner ski season to a beautiful summer, The Little Nell underwent a renovation, enhancing and updating the property's common areas and two notable dining and event venues.

Internationally renowned design firm Champalimaud who was responsible for a spring 2017 guest room renovation, has been retained for this project in renovating the hotel entry, lobby, including the reception, lobby level corridors, private offices and public bathrooms, as well as the living room and Chair 9. The studio's primary goal for the renovation is to create a sense of place and hospitality experience that evokes a sense of elevated Aspen living. Champalimaud is responsible for the renovation of all the interiors in this space (including interior architecture, millwork, materials and FF&E) with the exception of the stone floors in the lobby, which remain intact.

Jon Kastl, a partner at Champalimaud, is overseeing this project and was also responsible for the spring 2017 renovations at The Nell. Jon has led design teams for several five-star properties including The Island House in Nassau, Bahamas; The Raffles Hotel in Singapore and The Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. One of Jon's most notable projects, the legendary Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles, has received multiple awards for its thoughtful treatment of existing structures and innovative approach to a collection of new suites. According to Kastl, "Following the success of our rooms' renovation at The Little Nell, the reset of the public space marks the continuation of a wonderful creative partnership between our studio and the hotel. The Little Nell has such a rich connection to art. It was important for us to make sure the design direction of the public spaces became the bridge between the art and the guest experience."

Ajax Tavern was also renovated for summer by Rowland + Broughton Architecture and Interior Design who previously renovated the space. R+B is a nationally recognized, Colorado-based, award-winning architecture design firm specializing in residential architecture, hospitality architecture and interior design. "We are so proud to once again be involved with the renovation of everyone's favorite slopeside restaurant, Ajax Tavern," shares R+B Principal, Sarah Broughton. "Collaborating with

Aspen Skiing Company (parent company to The Little Nell) on so many important projects for more than a decade - both on and off the slopes - has given us a true understanding of the value placed on hospitality. Welcoming locals and visitors alike to the newly refreshed Ajax Tavern is something we are look forward to sharing.”

Interview opportunities are available upon request with Little Nell General Manager Jonathan Fillman, as well as the design teams. Photos are expected this summer of the completed spaces.

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***About The Little Nell***

*Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen’s only Forbes Five-Star, AAA Five-Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort. For more information and for reservations, please call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355). [www.thelittlenell.com](http://www.thelittlenell.com)*

***About Champalimaud***

*Based in New York City, Champalimaud is an award winning multi-disciplinary design firm with a commitment to creating unparalleled spaces with their clients and collaborators. Run by four partners, including the company’s founder, Alexandra Champalimaud, the studio celebrates design excellence and the traditions of craftsmanship – a pairing that has allowed them to explore and redefine designing for impact. For the last quarter century, Champalimaud has been recognized internationally for its visionary design concepts and keen ability to infuse spaces with modernity while maintaining integrity, character and a sense of place. [www.champalimauddesign.com](http://www.champalimauddesign.com)*

***About Rowland+Broughton***

*Rowland+Broughton Architecture / Urban Design / Interior Design is a progressive, high-design firm of more than 40 design professionals. With studios in Aspen and Denver, Colorado, our combined mountain and urban sensibilities inform and enhance a wide spectrum of projects, including custom residential, commercial, hospitality, interior design, and new town and institutional master planning. [www.rowlandbroughton.com](http://www.rowlandbroughton.com)*