

ACE HOTEL TORONTO

RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN

DESIGNED BY SHIM-SUTCLIFFE ARCHITECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATELIER ACE
CULINARY PROGRAM HELMED BY CHEF PATRICK KRISS



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JANUARY 26, 2022 — Reservations are now open at Ace Hotel Toronto for stays starting June 15, 2022.

The 123-room hotel introduces Ace's inaugural project in Canada, housed in a new building designed by award-winning Toronto firm **Shim-Sutcliffe Architects**. The new hotel also features dining from critically acclaimed chef **Patrick Kriss**, who helms the signature restaurant, Alder, and a yet-to-be-named rooftop bar and lounge debuting later this summer.

Ace Hotel Toronto lives in the heart of the Garment District, within an outstretched arm of many of the independent and legacy cultural institutions that comprise Toronto's multicultural mosaic. The hotel is adjacent to Queen West, Chinatown, and the Downtown business core, blocks from famed music venues Horseshoe Tavern and Velvet Underground, from the Art Gallery of Ontario and TIFF Bell Lightbox — Toronto International Film Festival's HQ, and from the Bentway, the city's artistic, cultural, and recreational public space. Ace Hotel Toronto reflects the city's past through a prismatic and future-facing vantage — preserving its layered legacies and adding texture with considered design and feeling. Intentionally crafted as a civic space, the hotel stands both in homage to and in dialogue with the neighborhood it inhabits.

"We've long admired Toronto, a free-thinking city and international cultural capital, and we are thrilled to open our first Canadian home here. Ace Toronto is housed in a brand-new building inspired, both in design and ethos, by the electricity and independence of this remarkable place. Along with our brilliant collaborators, including Shim-Sutcliffe and Chef Patrick Kriss, we have created a site that reflects the city's legacy as a global meeting ground and aims to actively share in its future. We look forward to opening our doors and welcoming everyone — locals and visitors alike."

— Brad Wilson, CEO, Ace Hotel Group

Atelier Ace's interior design team collaborated with internationally revered Shim-Sutcliffe Architects, recipients of the 2021 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Gold Medal, the nation's highest honor for architecture. Entering Ace Hotel Toronto, guests will be greeted by a suspended lobby overlooking St. Andrew's Playground Park — site of the city's first patch of green devoted to children's play. The hotel's public spaces are defined by an honest and refined material palette of concrete, clay, copper and wood that is echoed throughout the hotel's public spaces as well as the guest rooms. Site-specific furnishings and lighting were custom-designed by Atelier Ace and Shim-Sutcliffe Architects to bring tangible comfort to the building's design, and playfully intermix with vintage furniture sourced locally in Toronto. Original artworks by primarily Torontonians will offer reflection and joy across the hotel. The guest rooms, conceived as urban cabins to offer respite from the city, feature deep-set window benches that invite conversation and closeness, and grant sitters bird's-eye views of the park below.

"Our intention with Ace Hotel Toronto was to make a positive contribution to our city, a welcoming civic space where life happens and memories are made, and where both locals and their guests feel equally at home."

– Brigitte Shim, Shim-Sutcliffe Architects

Widely regarded as one of the world's top culinary talents, Chef Patrick Kriss holds the distinction of being awarded the title of "Outstanding Chef" by Canada's 100 Best Restaurants consecutively from 2017-2020. His flagship Toronto restaurant, Alo, holds a rare four-star rating from the Globe & Mail, and in addition to Alo, Chef Patrick and his Alo Food Group own the popular and critically acclaimed local restaurants, Aloette and Alobar. Relaxed and inviting, Alder aims to be an all-day hangout for Toronto, welcoming both neighbors and far-flung visitors. The restaurant's keystone is its wood-fired hearth and grill, which offer the simple yet effective preparation methods of open flame and smoke to gently transform seasonal ingredients selected at their peak. For the menu, Chef Patrick draws inspiration from the gastronomic traditions and techniques long-practiced in and around the Mediterranean. From starters to mains, dishes offer a spectrum of contrasting and complementary flavors, inviting guests to enjoy a refined casual style of dining. Alder features a full bar program pouring cocktails and local beers, and an eclectic selection of wines spanning a range of styles, varietals and both established and up-and-coming vintners.

"For Alder's menu, we've been inspired by the use of earthen and tactile materials in the design of Ace Hotel Toronto. In the same way, our offerings will be direct and elemental. Drawing on elements from the wood-fired grill, we envision a little more olive oil than butter; lightly-treated seasonal vegetables; a selection of crudos, handmade pastas, and charcoal-grilled seafood and meats."

– Patrick Kriss, Chef/Owner, Alo Food Group

Reservations beginning June 15, 2022 are available for booking at acehotel.com/toronto, with opening rates starting at \$349 CAN / \$280 USD.

Ace Hotel Toronto is developed in partnership with Zinc Developments and Alterra Group.

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ABOUT ACE HOTEL:

Ace Hotel reimagines urban spaces for people who make cities interesting. Our approach to all our projects is simple — we seek to genuinely embrace local culture in the areas we inhabit. We bring together narratives, artists and materials that speak to the building, to the site and to the city. From there, we welcome in the alchemy that's created.

Our worlds are vast and dynamic. We build relationships with a wide range of people — makers, thinkers, creative do-it-yourselfers in the fields of art, technology, music, fashion, media and gastronomy. We are curious about the history and geography of the buildings and neighborhoods we inhabit, and let these guide us to someplace new. By honoring the architectural, social history of a site, with an eye for the future that envisions respectful and nuanced dedication to a community, we transform underutilized properties and create inspired spaces full of local art, intentional design and curious possibilities.

Ace was founded in Belltown, Seattle in 1999, with current locations in Seattle, Portland, New York, Palm Springs, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Chicago, Kyoto and Brooklyn. Ace Hotel Sydney and Ace Hotel Toronto are due to open in early 2022.