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ice breaker activities; enhancements including themes, music and signage; beach recreation rentals including water sports and boat/land rentals; on-site A/V and local transportation services; specialty catering and more.

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including remodeled guest rooms, dynamic public spaces, two upscale F&B concepts and more.

The hotel's signature dining experience, Ámbar Restaurante, showcases centuries-old Mexican recipes with a regionally driven twist and serves as the meeting point of the cultures, tradition seen in El Paso and neighboring Ciudad Juárez. Ámbar also boasts North America's largest agave spirits collection with more than 800 bottles available. The rooftop lounge, La Perla, was once the location Elizabeth Taylor's penthouse and offers masterfully crafted cocktails, bites and unbeatable views of Ciudad Juárez, New Mexico and Texas.

The Plaza offers nearly 7,600 square feet of meeting and event space punctuated by artwork by Mexican National and Texas artists. The hotel's historic ballroom has been carefully preserved along with the mezzanine area on the second floor and boasts 2,815 square feet of event space. La Perla also offers stunning outdoor event space while Ámbar features a private dining room.

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property centerpiece offering a collection of share plates, pizzas, beer and wine; Solrisa, the lively poolside stand offering vibrant Mexican cuisine and cocktails and Mission Joe, the resort's coffee shop offering a menu of fresh breakfast items like the signature acai bowl, grab-and-go bites and handcrafted coffees and teas. The resort also boasts multiple pools; access to water and land rentals like stand-up paddle boards, jet skis and bikes; the tranquil Spa Brezza, offering the San Diego area's only Himalayan Salt Table in addition to other signature treatments and experiences and a rotating calendar of family friendly activities.

The resort offers more than 25,200 square feet of event space that meets the needs of various groups. Recent upgrades include custom artwork, completely reimagined design and enhanced WiFi and technology functions that have elevated the resort's ability to cater to the needs of the modern business traveler. The resort offers an events concierge service that can assist with customized team building events; creative meeting

#### THE PLAZA HOTEL PIONEER PARK, El Paso, TX

Originally opening its doors in the 1930s as the El Paso Hilton, The Plaza Hotel Pioneer Park, an Independent Collection Hotels & Resorts property, was the ninth and tallest hotel in Conrad Hilton's fledgling chain. The hotel served as corporate headquarters into the 1940s and was the last major design commission for Henry C. Trust, who designed an Art Deco hotel tower crowned with a Ludowici clay tile pyramidal roof for Hilton that would hold the place as El Paso's tallest skyscraper for 24 years. The hotel was also once home to the legendary Elizabeth Taylor, who lived in the penthouse suite during her marriage to Conrad "Nicky" Hilton. The hotel attracted all kinds of Hollywood glamour and through a recently completed \$78M+ renovation project by El Paso legend Paul Foster, the hotel has been fully renovated (with the exception of the original facade) with highlights

