

Inside look at Kress building shows progress, rendering of amenities to come in 2025

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Rendering of the outside of Kress building. Credit: Franklin Mountain Investments

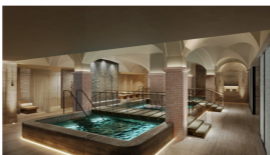


EL PASO, Texas (KFOX14/CBS4) — Ground broke in downtown El Paso for the renovation of an iconic building.

Plans of what the inside of the Kress building will look in 2025 were revealed by project architects Thursday.

Renderings showed a coffee bar, bar, diner, salon, spa and hydrotherapy pools inside the building.

The spa will be placed in the basement in a "grotto" setting with a full-service salon, private treatment rooms, men's and women's changing areas, and hydrotherapy pools available to Plaza Hotel guests as well as to day-spa clients.



Rendering of hydrothermal at Kress building. Credit: Franklin Mountain Investments

The spa will connect to the Plaza Hotel via a tunnel under Oregon Street. Hotel guests and day spa clients will access the spa through the concierge station located within the Plaza Hotel.

Oregon Street has been closed for the build out of a tunnel.

So far, the building from the inside has already been demolished and cleaned up.



Inside Kress building on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Credit: KFOX14/CBS4

The soda fountain lunch counter as well as a coffee shop, full-service bar, and a variety of culinary spaces will go on the first floor.

A full-service restaurant will also be on the same level along with retail spaces.



Rendering of diner inside the Kress building. Credit: Franklin Mountain Investments

The second floor will showcase a private screening room for a variety of events and a larger space for a to-be-identified entertainment venue

A total of nine separate kitchens and five retail areas dedicated to local vendors will be housed within the first and second floors.



Rendering of inside vendor space inside the Kress building. Credit: Franklin Mountain Investments

The owner of the building, El Paso billionaire, Paul Foster shared his excitement in giving the 85-year-old building life.

"We're going to recreate and preserve as much of the history as we possibly can, both architecturally and functionally. But it will also be a very modern and nice building that'll be with us in the future," Foster said.

El Paso Mayor Oscar Leiser believes the building's comeback will bring back life to El Paso.

"There's been huge investments all over the community and downtown, and this is another perfect example of what we continue to have the memories continue to live on," Lesser said.

Other general contractors have been hired to assist Jordan Foster Construction.

Cooper Carry, In*Stu, Johnson Studios, Revel, BP Spa Consulting and Segerberg Spa Consulting are listed on the project.