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BELLY PADS AND BUSH WRENS

SERVED BY VANCOUVER HOTEL

Vancouver, Canada -- Tender, juicy Bush Wrens elegantly served here in sumptuous new surroundings have captured the dining fancy of the international jet-set and Pacific Northwest gourmets alike.

So, too, have Belly Pads with Crabmeat, Bull Bucker and Highrigger steaks and other delicious, unique menu offerings at the Timber Club in the heart of this pace-setting cultural and financial centre of the Canadian West.

The Timber Club, honouring the prime industry of the Province of British Columbia, is a social focal point in the completely renovated and rejuvenated Hotel Vancouver.

The unusual listings on the Timber Club's menu hark back to the old rough and tumble days of provincial forestry. But, although the names are authentic logging camp cookhouse terms, the cuisine is definitely that of the Hotel Vancouver's internationally famous chefs.

8 millions of dollars were spent during the past five years in completely re-styling and refurnishing the block-long central hotel which has hosted royalty, thousands of newly-weds, tourists and convention-goers during the past three decades.

Today the exciting new Hotel Vancouver boasts a score of features which make it the prime dining and dancing centre for some million persons in the Greater Vancouver area and for countless visitors. It's the keystone of Vancouver's \$11 million convention industry, and a vital 560-bed tourist haven.

Owned by the federal government's Canadian National Railways, the Hotel Vancouver has been operated since January 1964 by Hilton of Canada, a division of Hilton International. It is the largest of the 20 hotels in Vancouver which are capable of holding conventions. The city has a total of more than 6,700 hotel, motel and autocourt rooms.

The extensive renovations were carried out in stages without interrupting the Hotel Vancouver's regular daily operation. Unmatched craftsmanship has transformed this grande dame of hotels into a space age delight.

The original Royal Suite which numbered British and Canadian monarchs, other famous people, and top businessmen among its guests has been converted into the three-suite Plaza 14. For sheer, unabashed modern luxury, Plaza 14 is unequalled.

The expansive suites -- Renaissance, Quo Vadis and Morningside -- share a common solarium which provides a sweeping view of the fast-growing metropolis. Their pantries are served by the Panorama Roof kitchen, one floor above.

The Panorama Roof is distinctive and exceedingly popular with the noon-time luncheon set and nightspot visitors alike. Its reputation is circling the globe as visitors who marvel its view of the city, the busy harbour, swimming beaches, and North Shore mountains with their skiing facilities -- recount its appeal.

Fifteen floors below the Panorama Roof's 200-person dining and dancing area is the well-equipped main lobby with its specialty stores, Lair cocktail lounge, Timber Club restaurant, Spanish Grill coffee shop and reception area.

The griffin -- an age-old mythological beast now the symbol of the refurbished Hotel Vancouver -- provided the theme for the Lair Lounge's relaxing decor.

Nearby is the Spanish Grill, a coffee shop commemorating the early Spanish explorers, whose exploits in this region two centuries ago are legend.

In the early days, the original Hotel Vancouver was the social centre for this community. Today the completely renovated hotel has taken the place of its predecessor. Today the majority of ballroom social gatherings are held in Hotel Vancouver.

A vital convention and tourist centre, it has hosted many great, colourful and friendly gatherings over the years. Reservations are being made for important future gatherings.

Linked to the Hotel Vancouver by a covered crossway is a 560-car, eight-level new garage which provides free parking for registered guests.

This parking garage, built in conjunction with Canadian National Railway's Avord Building, is also contributing to the success of the hotel, Hilton officials say.



CAPTION

Vancouver -- \$8 million spent inside giant Hotel Vancouver make it one of North America's most luxurious visitor and convention headquarters.