

Hotel developer details renovation and expansion of landmark near Pike Place Market

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The rundown Eitel Building by Pike Place Market will become the State Hotel and grow by a floor, project developers said Wednesday.

Located between Pike Place Market and the retail core, the Eitel features an intricate facade and was deemed a city landmark 11 years ago. Despite its prime location at Second Avenue and Pike Street, the upper floors have been vacant for decades.



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Seattle development company Lake Union Partners bought the 1904-built building [for \\$5.35 million](#) nearly a year-and-a-half ago with plans to turn it into a hotel.

LUP officials now say the independent boutique hotel will have 90 rooms and open in the summer of 2018. There will be a restaurant and bar on the ground floor.

It's an expensive undertaking, with work costing \$12.2 million, according to the city construction permit. It includes seismic upgrades, refinishing the exterior masonry and adding an eighth floor, which will have guest rooms and a rooftop terrace overlooking the Pike Place Market sign and Elliott Bay.

Seattle architecture firm Weinstein A+U is designing the restoration with Portland-based Vida Design planning the interiors, which Lake Union Partners said will have a relaxed feed with works by local artists.

Columbia Hospitality of Seattle will manage and operate the hotel. Columbia Hospitality CEO [John Oppenheimer](#) is among the investors in the project.

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