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TRAVEL ADVISORY; A Portland Hotel Ready for Its Close-Up

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The Hotel Lucia has made its debut in Portland, Ore., in the former Imperial Hotel, which had been a traditional favorite since 1910. After an eight-month renovation, the hotel, which opened May 13, has taken a hip turn.

David Hume Kennerly, a former Portlander and a Pulitzer Prize winner who was President Ford's White House photographer, has more than 600 photographs on display throughout the hotel, including in each of the 128 guest rooms.

Mr. Kennerly's shots of celebrities and world leaders fit right in with the sleek new décor: ecru walls, dark wood furniture and wide wooden-slat blinds. The bathrooms are minimalist glass, chrome and stainless steel. White lampshades match the white duvet and pillows. Double rooms are \$115 to \$165.

Typhoon!, serving highly regarded Thai food, continues as the hotel restaurant and now offers a 24-hour room service menu that includes a Thai breakfast (noodles and pork).

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