

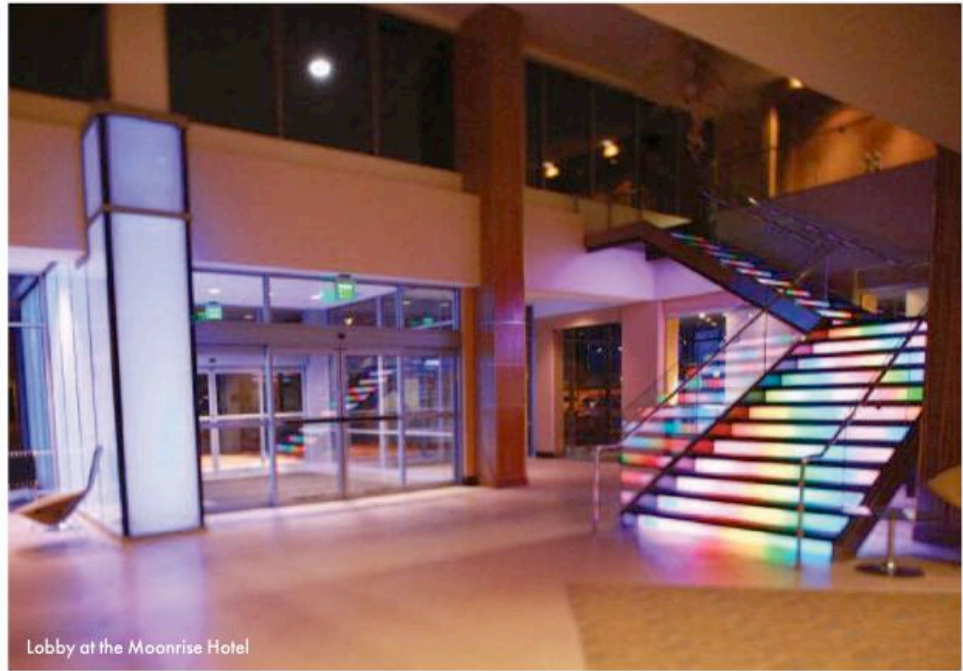
Boutique Buzz

Moon'rise' Sonata

A moon is rising over St. Louis — really. With it comes the most recent addition to the boutique hotel brand collection, Desires Hotels, which opened on April 17 in St. Louis' most bustling area.

The Moonrise Hotel's design was conceived by Joe Edwards, who is also the owner. It aims to blend first class amenities with some quirky touches like an iridescent lobby wall that changes color, or a rotating moon atop the building. Edwards has been known to craft unconventional hospitality experiences while delivering comfort and style that goes against the typical grain.

The 125-room, 10-suite property also has 2,000 square feet of meeting space and is located near the Delmar Loop MetroLink



Lobby at the Moonrise Hotel

Station. The Loop comprises about six city blocks and is an area with vibrant shopping and enter-

tainment. The property will also incorporate a rooftop terrace bar and St. Louis touches like

Kaldi's premium coffee and Bissinger's crescent shaped turn-down chocolates. —KH