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## Sofia Hotel given special status

*By: North County Times wire services - SAN DIEGO - The recently renovated Sofia Hotel in downtown San Diego became the first local hotel inducted into the elite National Trust Historic Hotels of America, it was announced today.*

The Sofia Hotel, which opened in January, joins more than 200 hotels and resorts across the country that are recognized by the HHA for preserving and maintaining their historic integrity, unique architecture and ambiance.

Beginning in early 2006, the Sofia Hotel underwent a \$16 million renovation.

"To be selected as a member of the Historical Hotels of America is a true testament to the property's rich history and our efforts to preserve the unique architectural elements that make the Sofia so exceptional," said Ken Winslow, president of Pickwick Properties, Inc., which owns the Sofia property.

"As one of the last remaining buildings of public stature in San Diego to embody the distinct characteristics of Gothic Revival, we took great care to preserve the Sofia's unique architecture, while transforming the interior into a chic boutique property that carries a nature inspired theme throughout," Winslow

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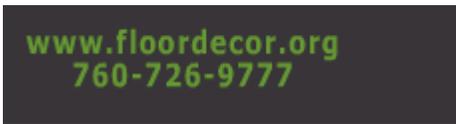
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