

Long-Vacant Rault Center Being Converted Into Hotel

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) – A building in downtown New Orleans that was once the site of a deadly fire in 1972 is undergoing a major renovation.

The former Rault Center is being converted into a hotel that's expected to open next summer.

The New Orleans Advocate's Jaquetta White reports Slumber Corners NOLA LLC has launched a \$10 million renovation of the 120,000-square-foot building.

The Connecticut-based hotel developer intends to turn the 48-year-old building into a 185-room boutique hotel that will fall under the Joie de Vivre umbrella of properties.

The Rault Center was severely damaged by a fire that killed six people. Four women jumped to their deaths from the windows of a top-floor salon, landing on the roof of a garage eight floors below. Two men trapped in an elevator also died.

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