

# HOTEL FAUCHÈRE

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## THE HISTORIC HOTEL FAUCHÈRE AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM REINVENTED FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

MILFORD, PA – Located on the upper Delaware River in the heart of Pike County, Pennsylvania, just 75 miles from Manhattan, the newly-restored Hotel Fauchère offers a luxurious escape from urban pressures, surrounding guests in quality design and interesting art in a classic 19<sup>th</sup> century Italianate building.

The Hotel Fauchère re-opened to the public in summer 2006 after a restoration that adhered to rigorous U.S. Department of the Interior historic preservation guidelines, under the direction of architect William Reue. The result is the transformation of a once-proud but derelict building into a beautifully-restored architectural gem at the center of Milford, which *Atlantic* magazine once called “the prettiest county seat in America”.

During its Gilded Era heyday, the Hotel Fauchère was the epitome of chic country style. While respecting the hotel’s classic architecture, current owners Richard L. Snyder and Sean Strub have created a fresh interior that blends the contemporary requirements of a boutique hotel with the treasured legacy of the historic hotel.

For the public spaces of the hotel, the owners hired the New York-based design team Kureck Jones ([www.kureckjones.com](http://www.kureckjones.com)), who were able to carry out the vision of a simple, understated scheme that enhances the period details of the hotel. Kureck Jones successfully complemented the building’s detailing and scale while emphasizing the owners’ personal additions to the interior, including a collection of original Hudson River School paintings.

The result is clean and tailored, yet luxurious. Period pieces, such as an empire sofa in the reception, mingle with modern fabrics and textures. The curtains in the reception evoke the Victorian era in length and style, but are re-imagined in light, white wool; Moroccan-style tile in the sunroom references the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The hotel’s fine dining restaurant, the Delmonico Room has chandeliers designed by Josef Hoffmann in the 1930’s with wallpaper that manages to recall the 19<sup>th</sup> century while also having a modern edge.

The hotel’s Hudson River School collection began as the private collection of one of the owners who has researched the extensive relationship between a number of Hudson River School painters and the Milford area. Several of the paintings are of local scenes or by artists who

painted in the area. Ranging from scenes of deer to forests to fields of snow in the winter, the paintings create a warmth and intimacy and hark back the time of the hotel's founding in 1852.

Bar Louis, designed by architect William Reue, is a sleek, minimalist space in the building's lower level yet blends seamlessly into the hotel's traditional architecture. The result is surprising: an unexpectedly fresh, sophisticated bistro-style bar and restaurant that is both warm and stylish. Above the bar is a huge photograph of Andy Warhol kissing John Lennon, taken by Christopher Makos, whom Warhol called "the most modern photographer in America". Elsewhere in the bar are images by the Hilton Brothers, a collaboration between Makos and photographer Paul Solberg.

Run by the Fauchère family for 125 years, the Hotel Fauchère was a magnet for politicians and statesmen, stars of stage and screen, captains of industry and leaders of society. The Fauchère's registry reads as a veritable "Who's Who" of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, especially the New York social elite of the Gilded Era. Sarah Bernhardt, Mae West, Pearl White, Lionel Barrymore, Mary Pickford, the Gish Sisters, Charlie Chaplin, Presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, President John F. Kennedy, General William Tecumseh Sherman, conservationist Gifford Pinchot, writers Zane Grey, Thomas Wolfe, Stephen Crane, Robert Frost and Ogden Nash and a number of sports stars, including Babe Ruth, Big Bill Tilden, Don Budge and Smokey Joe Robinson have all patronized the legendary establishment.

The hotel has 16 luxurious guestrooms which evoke the Fauchère's gracious past, while offering modern accoutrements, like high-speed wireless internet access, flat screen televisions, I-pod docking stations, Bose clock radios, heated towel bars and radiant heat in the marble and Pennsylvania bluestone bathroom floors. Bed and bath linens are by Frette, the Italian manufacturer of fine linens, and the skin and hair amenities are from the legendary Kiehl's Pharmacy. Room rates range from \$275 to \$350 (check website for special packages) and include locally-made artisanal chocolates, wine and bottled water in each room, internet access and local calls, a deluxe continental breakfast and concierge services.

Milford is the county seat of Pike County, PA, in the heart of the Delaware River Highlands, 75 miles from Manhattan. For reservations and information, please call 570-409-1212 or visit [www.hotelfauchere.com](http://www.hotelfauchere.com).

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