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## GUIDEBOOK

### SUITE SPOT

#### THE DUNIWAY PORTLAND

Formerly the Hilton Executive Tower, the new Duniway Portland takes its name from 19th century newspaper and women's rights advocate Abigail Scott Duniway, who as a child left Illinois to travel the arduous Oregon Trail with her family. The boutique high-rise hotel tries to capture some of her trailblazing spirit with eclectic modern design and lively public spaces.

**Setting:** A block from Pioneer Courthouse Square and the light rail, close to shops, doughnut shops (try neighboring Coco rather than Voodoo Doughnuts) and restaurants (better go easy on those doughnuts).

**The appeal:** The 327 guestrooms offer a cool, dark palette with midcentury modern flourishes and contemporary art, plus little luxuries (Vittoria Coffee espresso machines, 500-thread-count sheets) and large ones (work/lounge spaces, 65-inch high-definition TVs with streaming technology). The industrial-tinged lobby bar, which offers playful "coin toss cocktails" (flip a coin to decide the spirit), flows into the convivial bar of Jackrabbit, another stellar restaurant from San Francisco's Chris Cosentino (Cockscomb, Acacla House.) Created with partner Chris DiMinno, Jackrabbit offers a vast Pacific Northwest raw bar, house-cured meats and hearty seasonal fare.

**Insider's tips:** Across the Willamette River, check out the bar inside Wildfang ([www.wildfang.com](http://www.wildfang.com)), a women's clothing store started by two local women that also pours its own rosé, according to the Duniway's marketing manager Stephen Cassell. He also recommends hiking to the stone building known as "Witch's Castle" in Forest Park, less than 2½ miles from the hotel.

**Good to know:** The hotel will debut its lap pool, workout room and outdoor lounge complex this spring. The Jackrabbit Bar's daily happy hour runs 2 to 5 p.m., with DJs from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. Parking costs \$33 a day (\$47 for valet).

**Details:** 545 S.W. Taylor, Portland. (503) 553-7000. [www.duniwayportland.com](http://www.duniwayportland.com). From \$241, including 15.3 percent in taxes.

—Jeanne Cooper



Duniway Portland photos



**Top:** San Francisco chef Chris Cosentino's Jackrabbit restaurant, offering playful decor and hearty seasonal fare, is part of the Duniway Portland's appeal. **Above:** Some of the 20-story Duniway Portland's remodeled rooms provide city skyline views and eclectic contemporary decor, as well as marble counters and C.O. Bigelow toiletries, left.