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## **THE QUARTER AT TROPICANA – A MESMERIZING TRIP TO OLD HAVANA**

**ATLANTIC CITY, NJ** – **The Quarter at Tropicana Casino and Resort** brings to life the beauty and splendor of Old Havana in a stunning two-story streetscape. To create this magnificent living spectacle, Tropicana Casino and Resort hired **Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo (WATG)**, one of the world’s leading design consultants for the hospitality, leisure and entertainment industries. The project was led by designer **Thomas Fo**, WATG Senior Associate. Using authentic Cuban architecture as his model, Fo, who also worked on The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas and Palace of The Lost City Theme Park in Sun City, Africa, developed a design scheme that transcends space and time to recreate the majesty and grandeur of Havana’s mythical bygone era of the 1950s.

“What we’ve achieved at The Quarter is unlike anything else in the world,” said **Mark Giannantonio** president and chief executive officer of Tropicana Casino and Resort. “The experience that we have created is something that most people living today have only read about or seen in pictures. Stepping into The Quarter is like taking a trip in a time machine to Havana before the revolution.”

The Quarter’s brightly colored façade, with plaster and mortar exterior stained-glass windows, wrought-iron grill work and gigantic light-up cupolas, whets the appetite for what lies ahead. The new self-park and valet garage leads guest through **Fiesta Plaza**, where they are enveloped by The Quarter’s faithful reconstruction of the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the streets of Havana. Under what appears to be the bright open equatorial sky, **The Central Plaza** reproduces a bustling Cuban neighborhood square. Complete with two stories of shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, accentuated with brilliantly painted expanses and ornate archways and columns, the square welcomes guests into the heart of the The Quarter.

From there, guests can wander and explore the streets, scattered with 35 foot palm trees and surrounded by picturesque colonial buildings with vibrantly colored façades, balustrades, and live balconies trimmed with ornate wrought iron. As they make their way through these passageways and neighborhoods, guests happen upon a series of octagonal courtyards with magnificent, glittering fountains, before being led to The Quarter’s upper floors with even more restaurants and nightclubs.

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Guests continue to meander through The Quarter before coming upon **The Crystal Court**, the gateway to Tropicana's famed casino. Under a domed stained glass ceiling, a 15' fountain sits, welcoming guests onto the casino floor.

Along with transporting the streets of Havana to Atlantic City, The Quarter at Tropicana Casino and Resort, is one of the city's largest non-gaming expansion project, adds more than 40 dining, entertainment, shopping and spa options to the seaside hotspot. Aside from being home to an impressive array of world-class restaurants, sizzling nightlife and luxurious retail businesses, the project boasts the Havana Tower with 505 new guest rooms, 45,000 square feet of meeting space, and 2,400 new parking spaces. Combined with the existing property, Tropicana is the largest hotel in the state of New Jersey. The Quarter and Tropicana provides visitors with more than 18 restaurants, capable of accommodating over 5,000 diners, while offering more entertainment, shopping and spa options than most hotel casino in Atlantic City.

Tropicana Casino and Resort encompasses 14 acres and has ocean beach frontage of 220 yards along the famed Boardwalk in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For more information, please call (609) 340-4029 or visit the web site at [www.tropicana.net](http://www.tropicana.net).