

HOTEL FAUCHÈRE

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HISTORIC HOTEL FAUCHÈRE OPENS FOLLOWING A METICULOUS FIVE YEAR RESTORATION

*Historic 19th Century Classic American Hotel Introduces Unrivaled Elegance and
Culinary Delight To Picturesque Milford, PA*

MILFORD, Pike County, PA. – From its opening in 1852, Milford’s Hotel Fauchère was both the social center of this early American retreat as well as a magnet for luminaries from the world over. The Fauchère attracted presidents and statesmen, stars of stage and screen and other celebrated persons until its closing in 1976. Since then, the classic Italianate structure has sat a deteriorating reminder of a glorious past, awaiting an uncertain future.

All this changed in the summer of 2006, when the Fauchère opened its doors once again welcoming guests following a painstaking five-year restoration led by Milford businessmen Richard L. Snyder and Sean Strub. The highly complex project adhered to rigorous U.S. Department of the Interior historic restoration guidelines, and the result is the transformation of a derelict building into an architectural gem at the center of Milford, which *Atlantic Magazine* once called “the prettiest county seat in America”. Milford is in the Delaware River Highlands, 75 miles from Manhattan.

Hosted by a management team led by General Manager Richard P. Pleasants, the Fauchère is poised to reclaim its position as the regional epicenter of hospitality and fine dining. Richard brings a level of luxury and standard of service to Hotel Fauchère honed by years with renowned properties including the five star Temenos Villas in Anguilla.

The restoration has reused as much of the original historic fabric of the building as possible, including a marble floor in the front hallway and other character-defining architectural details. Upon entering the building, guests will experience the hotel’s quiet elegance in both the classic warmth and hospitality customary to a family-run European hotel, as well as with modern amenities expected by the sophisticated traveler.

The 16 luxurious guestrooms evoke the Fauchère’s gracious past, while offering modern accoutrements, like high-speed wireless internet access, flat screen televisions, I-pod docking stations, heated towel bars and radiant heat in the marble and bluestone bathroom floors. In a refreshing twist on the mini-bar, guests will be greeted by a gourmet basket of delicacies and included, along with breakfast, in the nightly rate. The warm décor provides the ultimate in comforts with Frette bath and bed linens—given a distinctly European slant with dual down comforters—indulgent Kiehl’s amenities, and a bath or shower configuration unique to each room.

Guests will stay at Hotel Fauchère for the dining experience alone. Under Chef Michael Glatz's direction, The Delmonico Room at Hotel Fauchère seats 80 and boasts a traditional yet modern menu with natural ingredients obtained from local and regional producers and the owner's own organic farm. The restaurant's décor includes a collection of fascinating vintage menus from the best-known restaurants in Europe in the 1920's. Chef Glatz selectively recreates these menus for today's modern palate paired with today's vintages of the suggested wines of the past.

The sleek international-style downstairs bar and lounge, Bar Louis, features the photography of artist Christopher Makos, whom Andy Warhol called "the most modern photographer in America" and the Hilton Brothers, a collaboration between Makos and Paul Solberg. Bar Louis will feature live entertainment and an eclectic menu that samples traditional cuisines from regions around the globe.

The original Hotel Fauchère was opened in the mid-19th century by Louis Fauchère, the Swiss-born French-speaking master chef at New York City's world-famous Delmonico's restaurant. Run by the Fauchère family for 125 years, the Fauchère guest book registry reads as a veritable "Who's Who" of the 19th and 20th centuries including such luminaries as Robert Frost, Sarah Bernhardt, President Theodore Roosevelt, President Franklin Roosevelt, President John F. Kennedy, General William Tecumseh Sherman, Franz Liszt, Jr., and captains of industry such as Henry Ford, the Carnegies and the Rockefellers. Early film pioneer D.W. Griffith shot several of his silent epics in the area, and was thus a regular of the Fauchère, along with many early stars of the silver screen, including Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Pearl White, Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin.

About Milford, Pike County, Pennsylvania

In recent years, the Milford area has begun to re-emerge as a regional center for arts and culture and a serene retreat for harried New Yorkers. The Fauchère is across the street from the county courthouse in the heart of Milford's historic district. The town also features architecture by Calvert Vaux, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., Richard Morris Hunt, Hunt & Hunt, Chester Aldrich, McKim, Mead & White and others.

The Fauchère is also near The Columns Museum, which houses the famous "bloody Lincoln flag" upon which the slain president's head rested after he was mortally wounded. Milford is home to Grey Towers, the Richard Morris Hunt-designed Pinchot family mansion which has recently opened to the public after undergoing a more than \$20 million renovation by the federal government. The area even has a quaint, working mill with a large wooden waterwheel.

Pike County boasts numerous recreation opportunities in the 70,000 acre Delaware Water Gap National Park, as well as several options exclusive to the Fauchère. For example, guests have access to "The Private Mile"—an exclusive mile-long stream of class A trout fishing just minutes from the hotel. Knowledgeable anglers may book private excursions or the hotel will arrange for a guide and/or instructor for novices as well as lunch and transportation. The staff can also arrange for lunch or dinner to be served at the hotel's private waterfall. Llama Trek picnics feature a half-day hiking excursion into the surrounding woods, with llamas packing a gourmet lunch and hammocks to be set up for the guests' enjoyment at their destination.

Nightly rates for Hotel Fauchère range from \$275 to \$350. For reservations and information, please call 570-409-1212 or visit www.hotelfauchere.com.

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