



ARIA RESORT & CASINO WILL FEATURE STATE-OF-THE-ART MEETING AND CONVENTION FACILITY FOR GROUPS OF ALL SIZES

LAS VEGAS – [ARIA Resort & Casino](#) at CityCenter is accepting reservations for meetings and conventions for 2010 and beyond. Designed by internationally acclaimed architects [Pelli Clarke Pelli](#), the spectacular 61-story, 4,004-room resort will set a new global standard in hospitality. Solidifying CityCenter’s commitment to sustainability, the U.S. Green Building Council has awarded LEED® Gold certification to ARIA’s hotel tower, convention center and theater, making ARIA the world’s largest LEED Gold certified building today. Upon opening in December, it will feature approximately 300,000 square feet of technologically advanced [meeting and convention space](#).

CityCenter

ARIA is at the heart of [CityCenter](#), a dazzling vertical city located on 67 acres between Bellagio and Monte Carlo resort, and is destined to redefine the Las Vegas skyline and the Las Vegas experience. CityCenter is a joint venture between [MGM MIRAGE](#) (NYSE: MGM) and Infinity World Development Corp, a subsidiary of Dubai World. MGM MIRAGE has joined eight of the [world’s foremost architects](#) to create an unparalleled architectural masterpiece that will become a global landmark of taste and style. ARIA, and CityCenter overall, will deliver the type of unprecedented dining, entertainment, shopping and spas for which MGM MIRAGE is renowned throughout the world. The resort will feature a variety of dining experiences, from the casual comfort of bistros and cafes to culinary masterpieces from [world-renowned chefs and restaurateurs](#) including Masayoshi Takayama, Shawn McClain, Michael Mina, Julian Serrano, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, Sirio Maccioni, Jean-Philippe Maury and The Light Group.

In addition to the resort and convention facility, CityCenter will feature luxury non-gaming hotels including Las Vegas’ first [Mandarin Oriental](#) and [Vdara Hotel & Spa](#), and [Veer Towers](#), the development’s only strictly residential buildings. [Crystals](#), a 500,000-square-foot retail and entertainment district, will feature luxury retailers such as Tom Ford, Louis Vuitton, Assouline, Hermes, Kiton, Miu Miu, Paul Smith, Porsche Design, de Grisogono, H. Stern, Marni and Tourbillon; and restaurants including Eva Longoria Parker’s BESO, Mastro’s Ocean Club, a pub concept by Todd English and two innovative new concepts by Wolfgang Puck. Vdara, Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas and Veer Towers will include approximately 2,400 [residences](#) total. Additionally, The Harmon, a luxury 400-room hotel operated by The Light Group, is slated to open in late 2010. Upon opening, ARIA and Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas will feature the most [technologically advanced guestrooms](#) in the country. CityCenter also will feature an ambitious [Fine Art Collection](#) with works by acclaimed artists including Maya Lin, Jenny Holzer, Nancy Rubins, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, among others. In the resort’s spectacular entertainment venue, Cirque du Soleil will introduce a new production celebrating the legacy of [Elvis Presley](#). This Cirque du Soleil production pays tribute to Elvis’ music and life, fusing dance and acrobatics, live music and iconic tracks, nostalgia and modernity, high technology and raw emotion. In short, the show will be in Elvis’ image: powerful, sexy, whimsical and truly unique.

ARIA's Convention Facility

Within ARIA's meeting and convention facility, four ballrooms will offer the flexibility to accommodate gatherings of all sizes from 10 to 5,000 attendees, and three will feature fully functioning theatrical stages. The largest ballroom will measure 51,000 square feet with a 25-foot ceiling and deliver the ability to divide into 10 separate meeting rooms.

Two ballrooms each will offer 38,000 square feet of space, feature 25-foot ceilings and divide into eight separate meeting rooms. The fourth ballroom will feature 20,000 square feet of space with a 20-foot ceiling and will be divisible into two or three independent meeting rooms. The facility will encompass three levels and deliver a total of 38 meeting rooms ranging from 800 to 2,000 square feet on each level. All meeting rooms will feature built-in audio visual systems with high-definition video projectors. The north façade will feature a spectacular glass curtain wall that overlooks the pool, providing a lush, landscaped backdrop and natural light.

For technical ease, the facility will boast floor and ceiling electrical power distribution as well as flexible, full-production rigging in ballrooms. Patchable fiber, Ethernet cable, broadband and wireless Internet connections will be available throughout the convention center. The facility also will offer truck docks with commercial dock plates and allow easy drive-in vehicle access, including non-commercial vehicles.

"ARIA Resort & Casino will deliver unrivaled experiences to meeting planners and attendees alike. From planning to execution, our events will be highly efficient and deliver on every expectation," said Gail Fitzgerald, vice president of hotel sales and marketing. "The development of our meeting and convention facility emphasizes our commitment to the convention market and to create growth opportunities for customers of MGM MIRAGE."

For guest convenience, six registration desks will be located throughout the convention area, and the resort's business center will be conveniently located at the main entrance to the facility. Hotel sales, marketing, convention services, catering and banquet departments will be easily accessed on the second level.

Upon opening, CityCenter will be one of the largest sustainable developments in existence, bringing a new level of environmental consciousness to the world-famous Strip. In addition to ARIA, the U.S. Green Building Council has awarded LEED Gold certification to Vdara. CityCenter's remaining venues are poised to receive a combination of Silver and Gold LEED ratings. The 18-million-square-foot, multi-use project will incorporate a variety of elements – from the use of reclaimed water to on-site power generation – to make it one of the world's largest environmentally [sustainable urban communities](#). ARIA has been designed to achieve more than 30 percent improvement in energy efficiency and will save an estimated 31 million gallons of water each year. This equates to a 34 percent savings within the building and 60 percent in outdoor landscaping, over existing building codes. For meetings, conventions and events, ARIA will incorporate environmentally responsible practices and services. All convention sales kits will be made from recycled paper materials with the exception of the outside wrap, and uniforms in the convention area will be woven from recycled polyester. ARIA also will feature the world's first fleet of stretch limos powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). In addition to abundant domestic reserves, CNG is one of the cleanest-burning alternative fuels available.

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For information about booking meetings at ARIA, contact Director of Sales Stephanie Windham at 866-718-2489. ARIA is accepting reservations for Dec. 17 and beyond. Nightly room rates range from \$179 to \$799; suites range from \$500 to \$7,500. Reservations can be made via www.ariasvegas.com or 866-359-7757.

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