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San Francisco's Huntington Hotel is set to reopen in 2026 after major restoration

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San Francisco's historic Huntington Hotel will reopen in 2026 with restored interiors, the Big Four restaurant, and Nob Hill Spa.
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One of San Francisco's most celebrated landmarks is preparing for a dramatic return.

After years of uncertainty and a long pandemic shutdown, the historic [Huntington Hotel](#) — a onetime haunt of Hollywood stars and socialites — is set to reopen in 2026. Its new owners promised a careful restoration that honors one of the city's most storied addresses.

The revival is led by Flynn Properties and Highgate, which acquired the property with the stated ambition of returning it to its position among the city's premier luxury hotels.

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Greg Flynn, founder and CEO of [Flynn Properties](#), called the project both a responsibility and an opportunity.

"The hotel plays an integral role in the fabric of San Francisco, a place where locals gather and travelers from around the world experience the special nature of Nob Hill," he said in a statement.



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Designer [Ken Fulk](#) has reimagined the interiors to honor the 1920s Italian Renaissance Revival building. The redesign includes 71 guest rooms and 72 suites, including a penthouse featuring sweeping views of the bay.

"The Huntington has a built-in legacy for gracious suites, a beloved restaurant and the most luxurious spa in town," Fulk said in a statement. "Our goal is to return that gleam to our city's crown jewel by reimagining it as a grand residence with destinations for repeat visitors and locals alike."

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The reopening will also restore two fixtures beloved by generations of San Franciscans: the Big Four restaurant and the Nob Hill Spa, complete with a revamped culinary program and a discreet new bar called Arabella's.

First opened as apartments in 1922 and converted into a hotel two years later, the Huntington became a magnet for cultural and Hollywood luminaries, from Truman Capote to Princess Margaret. Its signature red rooftop sign — a glowing beacon above California Street for generations — is now being restored and will return when the hotel reopens.

“Our basic mission is to make the Huntington the best hotel in San Francisco,” Flynn said.

The hotel is currently [accepting reservations](#) for its 2026 debut.

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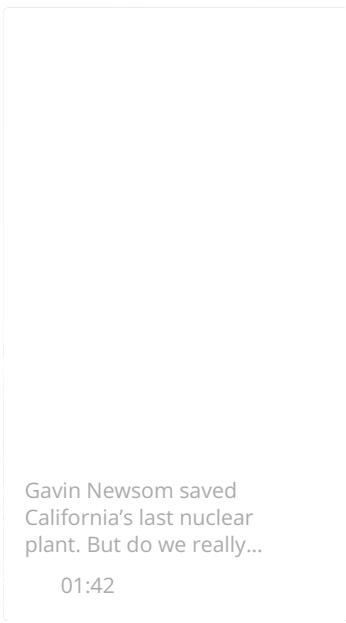
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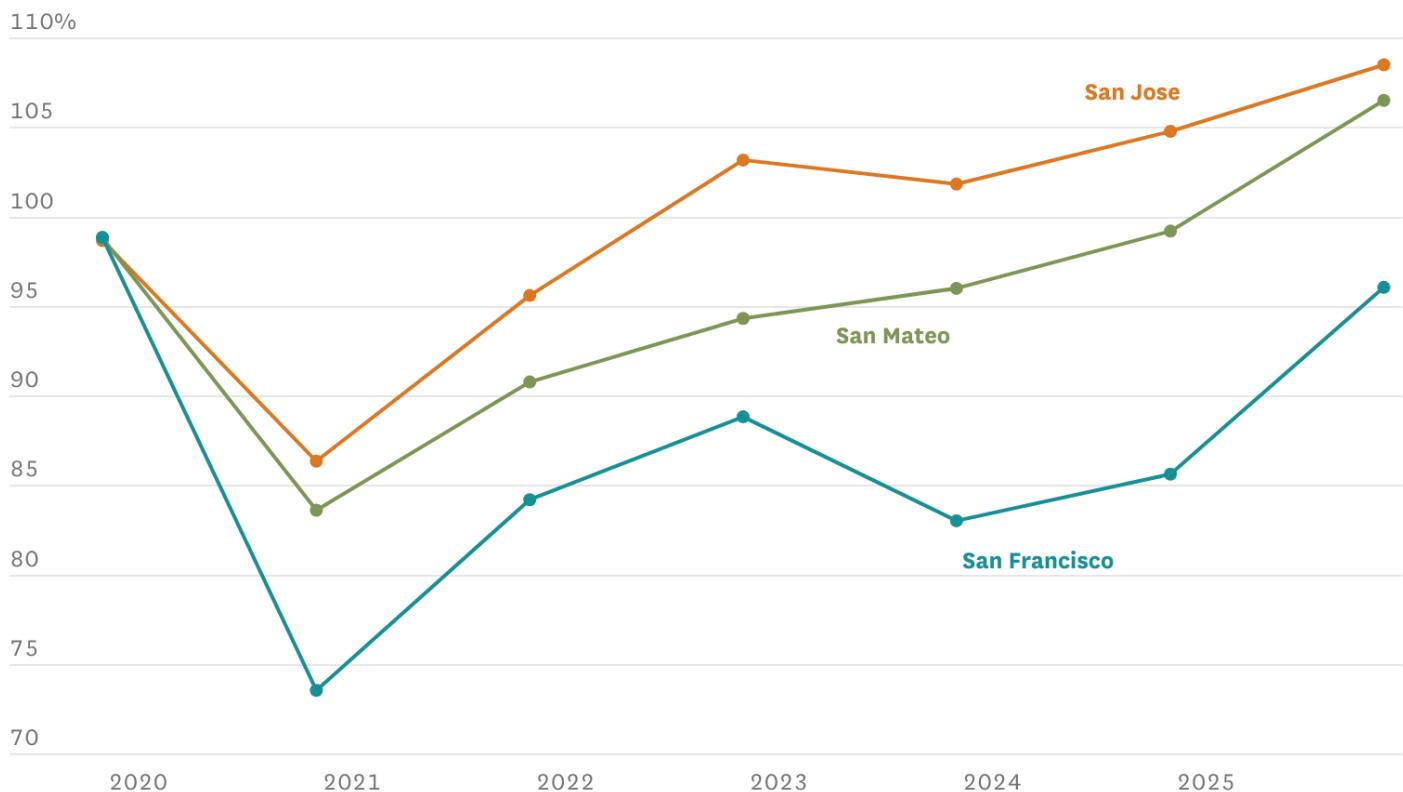
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