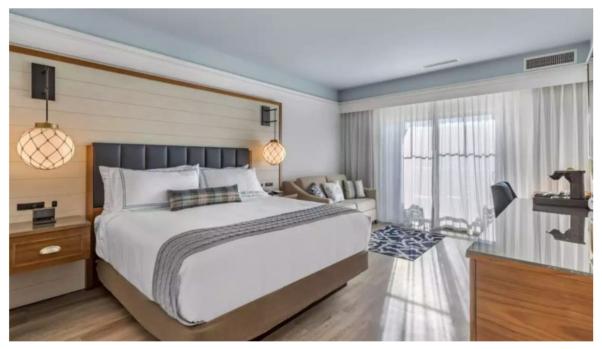


Latest hotel news from North, South Carolina



The Beaufort Hotel in Beaufort, N.C., has joined Choice Hotels International's Ascend Hotel Collection. Photo credit: Choice Hotels International

Hotel development is going strong in the Carolinas lately, with two locations opening in the past few weeks and another expected by the end of the month. On top of that, RLH Corp. has signed a franchise agreement to open a location later this year in South Carolina and Choice Hotels International's Ascend Hotel Collection has added another property in North Carolina.

In North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks, the Beaufort Hotel joined Choice's Ascend Hotel Collection. The hotel features 133 guestrooms, more than 10,000 square feet of event space, a fitness center, a seasonal outdoor pool and whirlpool and a 200-seat waterfront and outdoor patio restaurant. Beaufort Hospitality Enterprises owns the hotel and Concord Hospitality manages it.