



# A DEEP ELLUM TRAILBLAZER

The first hotel to open in Dallas' historic Deep Ellum neighborhood, the **Kimpton Pittman Hotel** pays homage to the 1916 building's original designer, **William Sydney Pittman**. Pittman was the first African American architect to receive a federal contract—for his work at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907—and later built at least 14 buildings in Texas as the state's first practicing Black architect. (He was also Booker T. Washington's son-in-law). The landmark Deep Ellum building began as the Knights of Pythias Temple, funded and frequented by Dallas' Black professionals. After sitting vacant for more than two decades, it opened last summer as a 165-room hotel with a modern American restaurant called Elm and Good (pictured). While the travel industry and Deep Ellum's vibrant restaurants and live-music venues have been battered by the COVID-19 pandemic, more travelers are road-tripping to familiar destinations, says hotel general manager Jack Murray. "A lot of people are coming to Deep Ellum who are familiar with it and are excited about life being breathed back into this really cool neighborhood," he says. RATES START AT \$195. (469) 498-2500; PITTMANHOTELDALLAS.COM. ➤ **CYNTHIA J. DRAKE**



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