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June Henton, dean of Auburn University's College of Human Sciences, and Hans van der Reijden, managing director of the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center, help get the project started in this photo provided by the university.

The Hotel at Auburn University to add indoor-outdoor venue

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The Terrace Room, the latest addition to The Hotel at Auburn University, will be open for special gatherings starting June 12.

Construction plans call for remodeling and reconfiguring three existing meeting rooms to create a pool-side terrace adjacent to a Junior Ballroom.

Hotel officials are billing the new space as "downtown Auburn's only indoor/outdoor venue for special gatherings," such as weddings and

group and corporate events of up to 300 people.

Hotel managing director Hans van der Reijden said the design of the Terrace Room was selected from entries submitted by students in Auburn's College of Human Sciences' interior design program. He said the Piccolo lounge was the first space of the hotel to be renovated based on Auburn's interior design students.

The newly-renovated space will feature a series of French Doors that lead to a stone terrace overlooking

the AU campus, intricate millwork, multi-levelled coffered ceilings, white moldings, over-scaled patterned wall coverings, grand framed mirrors, lush wool carpets in hues of gold and blue, and lavish silk draperies in a rich caramel.

The exterior patio will overlook the pool and be surrounded by greenery and an organic herb garden, featuring a fountain and fire pits.

For additional information about reserving the Terrace Room, contact the hotel sales department at 334-821-8200 or visit www.auhcc.com.