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## OMNI INTERNATIONAL

In 1978, Dunfey Hotels purchased the renowned Berkshire Place Hotel in New York. The Dunfeys were successful at managing the hotel chain and earned the company a reputation for innovation. Regarded as the most exorbitant, the heating and plumbing systems were state-of-the-art and Thomas Edison himself installed the electricity.

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Importantly, in 1983 Dunfey Hotels acquired Omni International Hotels, a company that operated three hotels in Atlanta, Norfolk, and Miami. As demand by travelers surged, the hotel industry embarked on an aggressive building spree.

## Omni Hotels History

Also in 1979, Dunfey Hotels bought the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.

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By 1991, the hotel industry was in the depths of a downturn that had started in the late 1980s. Dunfey Hotels also added the once esteemed Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, which it soon restored to its original art deco grandeur.

### **Omni Hotels History**

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In 1994, Omni operated about 47 hotels with over 15,000 rooms in the United States, Mexico, and Asia.

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