

# HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource Address: <b>650 Ocean Dr Miami Beach Florida 33139 USA</b>
County: Miami-Dade
Historic name: Hotel Imperial
Present name: Imperial Hotel
Local place name:
Visible from public right of way: Yes
Ownership:
Owner/Address:
Land unit size: 6,500 SQ FT
Site/Setting:



Hotel Imperial east elevation (view when facing west on Ocean Drive)

Lat/Long: 25.7765067540354700, -80.1316485251312500 [WGS84]
UTM: Zone 17R, 587068.4536 mE, 2851220.6873 mN
Township/Range/Section: 54S / 42E / 03
Parcel No. 02-4203-004-0020

## Historical Information

Historic Function: Domestic: Hotel	Current Function: Domestic: Hotel
Construction Date: ca. 1930-1939 , documented 1939*	Architect: L. Murray Dixon
Original or Significant Owners:	Builder: J.O. Blumenthal
Significant Date/Period:	Developer:
Areas of Significance: Architecture Community Planning and Development	

## Architectural Information

Category: building, domestic building	Style: Art Deco	<input type="checkbox"/> Additions <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ancillary structures:
Structural: Concrete Block Stucco	Exterior Material(s): stucco	
Stories: 3, Bays: 3	Roof Material: replacement	
Form or Plan: Ocean Drive Hotel, rectangular	Roof Type: Flat with parapet	
Foundation: Spread footing	Windows: replacement aluminum Jalacy Casement	
General condition: Good	Chimney(s):	
Basement: none	Porch: single-story full-span open porch	

## Historical Summary:

**Status** (Current Listing or Designation)

National:  indiv.  district  landmrk.

State/Province:  indiv.  district  landmrk.

Local:  indiv.  district  landmrk.

Miami Beach Architectural District, 1979

Ocean Drive/Collins Avenue District, 1986

**Evaluation** (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)

<b>Recommendation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible as contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible / non-contributing <input type="checkbox"/> Not determined	<b>Level of potential eligibility</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local	<b>Landmark potential</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local
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Porch at the Hotel Imperial (view when walking south on the west side of Ocean Drive)



Balustrade delimiting the porch at the Hotel Imperial



Terrazzo floor design on the porch at the Hotel Imperial



Primary entryway and terrazzo floor designs at the Hotel Imperial

**Description/Remarks**

This is a 3-story, 3-bay domestic building in the Art Deco style built in 1939. The building is rectangular in plan. The structural system is concrete block stucco. The foundation is spread footing. Exterior walls are stucco. The building has a flat with parapet roof. Windows are replacement aluminum jalacy casement. At the second and third floor levels on the primary facade, two adjoining casement windows in each bay. There is a single-story, full-span open porch characterized by an integrated (under the main) roof with fluted stuccoed posts. Porch is particularly distinguishable for it's highly ornamented terrazzo floor designs and highly ornamented balustrade that includes curvilinear design and portholes. Glass double-doors framed in dark wood; Directly centered on east elevation; Primary entryway is particularly grand because of the unique terrazzo floor designs on either side of the door that are quite unlike the designs of many other buildings. Symmetrical tripartite primary facade; Stepped ziggurat parapet roofline; Horizontal banding at cornice and corner windows; Continuous wrap-around eyebrows rounded at corners; Multi-colored terrazzo floor designs in the interior and on the porch; Slight use of glass block; Two mirroring fine bass relief "fountain" carvings in narrow rectangles that extend from the second floor level to just below the roofline ornament the central bay; Three masonry portholes at apex of ziggurat roofline (center bay); Bow fluted spandrels in center bay above, below and in-between second and third floor level windows; Porch railing design alternates between curved balustrade and solid wall with portholes

Date source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser Other sources: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser City of Miami Beach Planning Department records Miami Design Preservation...

**Survey and Recorder**

Project: Ocean Drive-Collins Avenue Historic District (Local)	Sequence/Key no.:	Survey Date: 1/23/2013
Prepared By: Melinda Agron	Report Title/Name: Re-survey of the district	Previous Surveys:
Inventoried: 06/26/2012 1:51:37 pm Last updated: 06/14/2017 2:08:07 pm by /	Level of Survey: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Sources (continued)**

... League records