



## A dessert that ended in Las Vegas

The 50-year-old Desert Inn is a historic Las Vegas resort once owned by billionaire recluse Howard Hughes that used one of its floors as its personal sanctuary, closed for good on Aug. 28, 2000, and new owners plan to demolish the floor to create a massive complex.

Casino mogul Steve Wynn bought Desert Inn for \$270 million in June, shortly after stepping down as CEO of Mirage Resorts Inc., which MGM Grand Inc. acquired in May to establish MGM Mirage.

Desert Inn is one of the oldest accommodations in Las Vegas Strip. The resort was the fifth real estate and one of the largest resorts in Las Vegas Strip when Wilbur Clark completed it in 1950 at a cost of \$3.5 million. The legendary resort had 300 hotel rooms, a casino, a spa, and two restaurants.

"The resort casino closed at 2 a.m. on August 25, and 12 hours later, the doors closed to the public for good," said spokeswoman Caroline Coyne. "It's a time of nostalgia and melancholy because it's hard to say goodbye under any circumstances," she said, speaking on behalf of the staff and some of the guests who came to pay their last respects.

Wynn plans to demolish the current complex in seven months and build a new 59-story resort on the site. He said the new complex will not be called the Desert Inn, but he has not released a new name. [바카라사이트](#)