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Re: Hotel Ribbon Cutting

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OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT - OAKLAND

Pittsburgh, PA – On October 19, 2017, an official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place for the Residence by Marriott. The event begins at 3:00 and includes an array of specialty hors d'oeuvres, craft beer, wine and more. The 144-suite Residence Inn by Marriott in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania had a soft opening in June, 2017. Located at 3341 Forbes Avenue, the all-suite Residence Inn Pittsburgh Oakland/University Place will operate as a Marriott franchise, owned by MWK Forbes II, LLC, designed by TKA Architects, managed by North Star Lodging Management Inc., and built by Massaro Corporation.

“We are most proud of the collaborative effort of all who assisted in developing this one-of-a kind, custom, extended stay product by Marriott in the heart of the medical and educational district of Pittsburgh. A special thank you for all of the hard work and support to our local, Pittsburgh based design professionals; TKA Architects, HFD Interior Design, CJL and Brace Engineering, our general contractor Massaro Corporation, all of the great people at Marriott international and the staff and management of the hotel. Each played an integral role in delivering our exceptional hotel to the Oakland business district,” states David Cocco, President, North Star Lodging and Development.

Located adjacent to UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh, the Residence Inn Pittsburgh Oakland/University Place offers its guests convenient access to University of Pittsburgh Medical Center hospitals, Petersen Events Center as well as Carnegie Mellon, Carlow and Chatham Universities.

Extending the feeling of comfortable living on the road, the Residence Inn Pittsburgh Oakland/University Place offers guests inviting and functional public spaces to relax or collaborate. Enjoy the hotel's grocery delivery service, complimentary Wi-Fi, 24-hour onsite food and beverage market, dry cleaning services, and onsite guest laundry room. The hotel's weeknight evening gatherings - the RI MIX™ offer a casual, relaxing environment where guests can be as social as they want, while enjoying local flavors. The hotel also maintains a business library where guests can fax, copy and print materials, and provides guests with an indoor swimming pool, exercise room, outdoor courtyard with fireplace, a shuttle service to the local attractions and businesses.

Residence Inn properties are designed as all-suite hotels that offer studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites. Designed for stays of five nights or more, each suite also has a fully-equipped kitchen with a coffeemaker, microwave oven and residential-sized appliances.

The hotel is pursuing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification for its contributions in making the environment a healthier place by reducing waste and conserving energy and water, among other sustainable practices. It is the latest Residence Inn to pursue this certification.

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