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## **Marriott Chicago at Medical District/UIC Completes \$5.0 Million Renovation**

### *Stimulating, Yet Comfortable Ambience Spreads Through Upgraded Hotel*

CHICAGO, Illinois, June 18, 2009—Officials of the Marriott Chicago at Medical District/UIC today announced that it has completed a major, \$5 million renovation of all guest rooms and public areas, transforming the hotel into a stimulating, comfortable gathering place for travelers to Chicago. The property, which is owned by Inland American Lodging Group, is managed by Davidson Hotel Company.

Key elements of the renovation include completely making over the hotel's 113 guest rooms, including new carpeting, furniture, bedding, wall coverings, artwork and lighting. The refurbished rooms feature a colorful palette of rich burgundy and gold tones with all white bedding. Each room is equipped with a new high definition television, a mini refrigerator, and an in-room safe. There is also a new desk that includes an advanced easy to use Jac Pack to satisfy travelers' technical needs. Guest bathrooms now have a white clean, crisp look with beautiful granite counter tops and new lighting fixtures, along with a new shower package including an oversized Kohler showerhead and curved rod.

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The lobby features exclusive design elements implemented to develop Marriott's Signature "Great Room" concept, making it a fabulous place to work, socialize or just relax. The artwork in the lobby and throughout the hotel features Chicago themes, such as Millennium Park, Navy Pier, Buckingham Fountain, Chicago Sears Tower, and the beautiful Chicago Skyline.

Rook's Corner Restaurant and Lounge carries the same rich color palette of burgundy and chocolate brown with touches of gold tones. The restaurant is an American Bistro that serves an eclectic mix of contemporary cuisine in a warm setting, featuring a Starbucks and two private dining rooms with an outside terrace. The Rook's Corner Lounge, with 42" flat screen televisions, offers a casual meeting place for light snacks and a wide array of beverages. The property offers over 3,500 square feet of meeting space, capable of handling groups of up to 200 people.

"The hotel has been totally transformed and provides the perfect ambience to welcome guests and provide them with an outstanding experience," said Dennis Schmoll, General Manager. "The ambience of the hotel is very stimulating, yet comfortable. What hasn't changed is our team members' dedication to providing our guests with a warm welcome and the exceptional service everyone has come to expect from the Marriott Chicago at Medical District/UIC."

The hotel is located at 625 South Ashland Avenue at Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Just one block south of Interstate 290, the Marriott Chicago at Medical District/UIC is removed from the congestion of Chicago's Loop, yet minutes from downtown Chicago. The University of Illinois at Chicago and Rush University Medical Center are within one block of the hotel.

In addition the property provides a newly renovated business center and fitness center.

**About Davidson Hotel Company**

Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., Davidson Hotel Company is an award-winning, full-service hotel owner and third-party management company that provides management, development/renovation, acquisition, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. The company currently owns and/or manages 36 upscale, independent and branded hotels with over 10,200 rooms across the United States, including such affiliations as Westin, Sheraton, Hyatt, Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Embassy Suites, Doubletree, Marriott, Renaissance, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn. Additional information on Davidson may be found at the company's Web site, [www.davidsonhotels.com](http://www.davidsonhotels.com).