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## HYATT PLACE ST. PAUL/DOWNTOWN CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING

149-room Hyatt Place hotel located in the heart of Lowertown St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn. (September 8, 2016) – <u>Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown</u>, the first Hyatt Place in St. Paul, Minn., is officially open today. The hotel is in the recently restored Custom House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and features the Hyatt Place brand's intuitive design, casual atmosphere and practical amenities, such as free Wi-Fi and 24-hours food offerings. The hotel is co-owned by Nelson Construction & Development and Red Leaf Development and managed by LodgeWorks Partners, LP.

Located in the Lowertown area of St. Paul, Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown is minutes from Mears Park, CHS Field, the Science Museum of Minnesota and Xcel Energy Center, home of the Minnesota Wild. The Union Depot transportation hub, located directly across the street from the hotel, offers a variety of transit options including access to the Green Line LRT and bus services to transport guests to nearby restaurant, nightlife and entertainment attractions. Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown is also a short distance from major corporate offices such as Ecolab, Securian Financial Group, US Bancorp and Travelers.

Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown offers:

- **149 spacious rooms**, with separate spaces to sleep, work and play, as well as a Cozy Corner sofasleeper
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- a.m. Kitchen Skillet<sup>TM</sup>, a free hot breakfast for guests available daily in the Gallery Kitchen, features hot breakfast items, fresh fruit, oatmeal, yogurt, cereal, fresh-baked pastries, and more
- **24/7 Gallery Menu** serving freshly prepared meals anytime, day or night and perfectly packaged sandwiches and salads
- Coffee to Cocktails Bar featuring specialty coffees and premium beers, as well as wines and cocktails
- Meeting Spaces offer 2,900 square feet of flexible, high-tech meeting/function space
- 24-hour StayFit Gym featuring cardio equipment with LDC touchscreens and free ear buds

"We are excited to be part of such a unique project," says Robert Lubin, Principal of Red Leaf Development. "The opportunity to participate in the historic rehabilitation of the Custom House and bring the Hyatt Place brand to downtown St. Paul is truly special, and we are confident that Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown will exceed guest expectations."

# **HYATT PLACE ST. PAUL/DOWNTOWN LEADERSHIP**

Hyatt Place St. Paul/Downtown is under the leadership of General Manager Jason Birch and Director of Sales Rachelle Schmitt. In his role, Birch is directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations readof the hotel, including overseeing the hotel's 40 associates and ensuring guests encounter the purposeful service for which Hyatt Place is known. Schmitt is responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the St. Paul area.

#### **ABOUT HYATT PLACE**

Hyatt Place, a brand of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, combines style, innovation and 24/7 convenience to create a seamless stay with modern comforts. There are more than 255 Hyatt Place locations in the United States, Armenia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Honduras, India, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Thailand, The Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom. Join the conversation on Facebook and Instagram, and tag photos with #HyattPlace and #TheresAPlaceForYou.

### **About Nelson Construction & Development**

Nelson Construction & Development is a real estate developer and general contractor located in Des Moines, Iowa. Their fifteen years of work include more than 2,000,000 square feet and \$300mm in ground-up, historic, apartment, hotel, retail, office, and industrial buildings. Nelson has also carved a significant niche in large historic renovations, including the historic Hyatt Place in downtown Des Moines. Their work spans many states, including Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

## **About SPMU**

SPMU, LP ("SPMU") is a partnership of EB-5 investors hailing from Canada, China, Iran, Korea, Nigeria, Taiwan, and Vietnam. The partnership's General Partner is Red Leaf Development LLC and is managed by American Investor Immigration Funds ("AII Funds"), a long-time EB-5 project developer based in Herndon, Virginia. AII Funds has raised close to \$300 million through the EB-5 program and used those funds to develop more than 30 job-creating EB-5 projects in the hotel, multi-family residential, senior living, and casino segments of the real estate industry. More information is available at www.aiifunds.com.

## About LodgeWorks Partners, L.P.

LodgeWorks Partners, L.P., is a privately held hotel development and management company with an extraordinary pedigree as hospitality brand innovators, industry-leading guest satisfaction, sophisticated development acumen and an experienced team that has successfully collaborated for more than 30 years. The company launched the ARCHER Hotel boutique collection with a May 2014 New York City / mid-town Manhattan debut, with properties in downtown Napa and Florham Park, NJ underway and plans for others to be announced in the coming months. LodgeWorks continues to own, franchise and manage a portfolio of branded hotels including Hampton Inn, HYATT House, Hyatt Place, Aloft, and Hilton Garden Inn. For more information, please visit www.lodgeworks.com.