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Albany Marriott Announces Grand Re-Opening

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Celebrates Conclusion of \$15 Million Renovation

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Albany Marriott celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of their hotel yesterday, January 18, 2018, with a ribbon cutting followed by a cocktail reception and tours of the newly renovated hotel for guests. Yesterday's event marked the completion of the hotel's \$15 million renovation, which began in October 2016.

Local dignitaries, including Sen. Neil Breslin, Assemblyman John T. McDonald III, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, local chambers and Albany Marriott General Manager Todd Reichelt, highlighted the hotel's new features and contributions to the community by speaking at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We are very appreciative of the support from local dignitaries, community partners and loyal clients at yesterday's event," said Reichelt. "Pursuing excellence and embracing change is at the core of Marriott's values. This transformation reflects our commitment to providing the best service for our guests, both locals and visitors alike."

The first phase of the project included the refurbishing of the exterior masonry, the installation of updated heating and air conditioning units in each room, and the installation of new drainage and plumbing. Each bathroom in the hotel's 360 guest rooms has also been fitted with new bathtubs, showers, trim and tile imported from Italy.

New technology added to the Marriott now offers guests an in-room entertainment system featuring Netflix, the latest Wi-Fi technology, mobile check-in and state-of-the-art reader board displays.

"Our primary focus at the Albany Marriott is the experience of our guests," said Stephen Schifley, director of sales and marketing. "We're thrilled that through these modern upgrades, we will be able to provide our guests an even higher level of comfort."

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The second phase of the renovation began May 2017. Each room was refreshed with new finishes, paint, carpeting, furniture, lighting, window treatments and beds. All rooms with two double beds were replaced with queen beds. The public areas within the hotel were also renovated, including the Great Room, bar area, lobby, common areas, corridors and 16,000-square-feet of meeting space.

Guest rooms and public spaces now feature modern decor in shades of gray, complemented with subtle hints personal to the Capital Region, including a crisp, black-and-white photo of the Albany skyline above each queen bed headboard. The last full renovation of the Albany Marriott took place in 2007.

About Albany Marriott:

Minutes away from the Albany International Airport, the Albany Marriott's thoughtfully appointed hotel rooms feature first-rate amenities including a flat-screen TV, high-speed Wi-Fi, and an ergonomic work area. The hotel also features on-site dining, a fully equipped fitness center, and two heated pools. Founded by J. Willard and Alice Marriott in 1927, the Marriott franchise stays true to its core values of putting people first, pursuing excellence, embracing change, acting with integrity and serving our world. The franchise is headquartered outside of Washington D.C. in Bethesda, Md. and has over 6,000 properties in 122 countries and territories.

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