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COURTYARD IN DOWNTOWN HOUSTON, TEXAS COMPLETES A MAJOR LOBBY AND ROOMS RENOVATION

New room design features plush bedding, a functional work space, spacious bathrooms and complimentary in-room high speed internet

[Houston, Texas] – Dec 18, 2015 – The 191-room Courtyard by Marriott located at 916 Dallas Street in Houston, Texas has completed a major renovation of its guest rooms. The Courtyard Houston Downtown now offers a comfortable and stylish room design. Thoughtfully planned, each room features plush bedding, a functional work space, spacious bathrooms, a separate seating area and complimentary in-room high-speed Internet. Providing a warm, sophisticated environment, the hotel's rooms accommodate guests' desire to stay connected, productive and refreshed during their stay. The Courtyard Houston Downtown will operate as a Marriott franchise, owned by RLJ Lodging Trust and managed by White Lodging.

“From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to what travelers want from a hotel,” said Janis Milham, vice president and global brand manager, Courtyard. “Guests want more control and choice with services and amenities that create a healthy balance between working and relaxing. The Courtyard lobby invites guests to get out of their rooms to work, socialize or be entertained, whether traveling alone or with colleagues.”

The open, bright and contemporary Courtyard hotel lobby welcomes guests with vivid contrasting colors, including blue, green, orange and red. The traditional front desk is replaced with separate welcome pedestals to create more personal and private interactions when guests check in and allow staff to show guests the lobby features and provide assistance. Adaptable seating options range from a communal table in the

middle of the action, to more private media booths with high-definition televisions, to a more intimate, semi-enclosed lounge area.

Dining has also been completely redesigned with The Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect.[®], offering casual, flexible seating; easier access to food and higher quality, healthier menu options for breakfast; and light evening fare, including snacks, cocktails, wine and beer so guests can unwind. Coffee lovers can also enjoy freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. The Market[™], a 24/7 shop for snacks, beverages and sundries, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste guests may have forgotten to pack.

A key component of the Courtyard lobby is the newly enhanced GoBoard[®] 4.0, which presents local information, maps, weather, and headline news on a 55-inch LCD touch screen. Designed with today's busy traveler in mind, the award-winning GoBoard[®] features mobile integration, enabling guests to send directions from the GoBoard[®] directly to their smart phones. Guests can also touch the screen for immediate access to detailed flight information for local airports, popular entertainment and local event information, as well as walking directions.

Throughout the hotel, guests can connect to complimentary Wi-Fi, and there are ample electrical outlets in the lobby to power digital devices. The business library features several computer terminals, along with a printer and separate computer stations dedicated solely to printing airline boarding passes and checking flight status.

Green has been Courtyard's signature color since Marriott launched the brand 25 years ago. Now it is even greener with the introduction of a guest recycling program for the environment. Receptacles for paper, glass, plastic and metal are conveniently located by side exits.

About Courtyard by Marriott

Courtyard by Marriott offers a refreshing environment that helps guests stay connected, productive and balanced. Intuitive services and design accommodate guests' needs for choice and control. With more than 1,000 locations in 38 countries and territories, Courtyard hotels participate in the award-winning Marriott Rewards[®] frequent travel program that allows members to earn hotel points or airline miles for every dollar spent during each stay. For more information or reservations, contact the Courtyard Houston Downtown directly at 1-832-366-1600, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, visit www.courtyard.com or become a fan at www.facebook.com/courtyard.

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About RLJ Lodging Trust

RLJ Lodging Trust is a self-advised, publicly traded real estate investment trust focused on acquiring premium-branded, focused-service and compact full-service hotels. The Company owns 126 hotels with approximately 20,900 rooms, located in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

Additional information may be found on the Company's website:
<http://rljlodgingtrust.com>.

White Lodging Services Corporation was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Ind. White Lodging is a fully integrated hotel ownership, development and operations company focused on developing and operating premium-branded hotels in growing urban markets across the United States. The company is a recognized leader that has defined and cultivated the ability to achieve consistent, sustainable growth among mid- to large-scale hotels. Its current portfolio consists of more than 161 hotels in 20 states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Global, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Preferred Hotels & Resorts and InterContinental Hotel Group.

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