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

***Intuitive lobby design features high-tech GoBoard® 5.0, flexible work and social spaces, and 24/7 food and beverage market***

Houston, Texas – June 27, 2014 – The 191-room Courtyard by Marriott located at 916 Dallas St. in Houston, Texas has completed a major renovation. The hotel now features guest room updates, an expanded fitness center and added a presidential suite.

The 191-room Courtyard Houston Downtown Convention Center guest room updates include new refrigerators, granite counter tops and vanities. The new presidential suite is also complete with a boardroom table and full kitchen. Providing a warm, sophisticated environment, the hotel's rooms accommodate guests' desire to stay connected, productive and refreshed during their stay.

"The hotel is in the center of the thriving Houston downtown where guests experience Texas hospitality in a fresh modern hotel while enjoying the new upgrades," said General Manager Ryan Frederick.

In addition to the guest room updates, guests may now enjoy an expanded fitness center that is four times larger and includes all new equipment.

The Bistro offers casual, flexible seating; easy access to food and higher quality, healthy 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® 5.0, 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.

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 950 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 Convention Center directly at 832-366-1600, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, visit [www.courtyard.com](http://www.courtyard.com) or become a fan at [www.facebook.com/courtyard](http://www.facebook.com/courtyard).

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