

## NEWS

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### **RICHMOND MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN UNVEILS RENOVATED MEETING AND EVENT SPACE**

*The renovated space design was inspired by Richmond's James River and industrial history*

Richmond, VA – [Feb. 17, 2015] – Ownership group Apple REIT and management company White Lodging are pleased to announce the completion of Richmond Marriott Downtown's meeting and event space renovation.

"We are excited to show off our newly renovated space that reflect Richmond's history and will enhance the overall meeting and event experience for our guests," said General Manager Tony Goebel. "It's also been great to see the initial reaction from our associates, who have been impressed and energized by the new updates."

The design for the meeting space at the Richmond Marriott was inspired by the two themes of the James River and the industrial industry that helped build the city. The river is symbolized by blue colors and curvilinear lines found throughout the renovated space. Design elements also include industrial wheels and gears represented by circles and multiple metal tones used in artwork or suggested by the stylize cogs in the carpet or metal rings on the wall sconces.

All 40 meeting and event rooms in the hotel, totaling 26,760 sq. ft. were included in the renovation and can accommodate up to 2,000 people. The Richmond inspired renovation included new carpeting, furniture, lighting, doors and wall décor to create a refined, functional and welcoming space for guests.

To celebrate the completion of the renovation, the hotel is offering a pick your offer incentive for groups booking meeting space for select dates through June 30, 2015 if they book by Feb. 28, 2015. Groups may receive one to all four of the following incentives; 5% off total master bill, 15% off total hotel's audio visual, two complimentary valet parking passes or double Marriott Rewards points (up to a maximum of 100,000 points). For complete offer information including select dates or to book, contact the sales department at 1.804.643.3400 ext. 6705.

The 410-room Richmond Marriott Downtown is located at 500 East Broad Street. Also within the hotel are a fully licensed Starbucks and restaurant T-Miller's Sports Bar & Grill, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel is conveniently connected to the Greater Richmond Convention Center via skywalk and located 10 miles from the Richmond International Airport.

For more information visit the hotel's website at <http://www.marriott.com/RICDT>, call 1.800.228.9290 or go to [www.facebook.com/richmondmarriottdowntown](http://www.facebook.com/richmondmarriottdowntown).

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