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FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP SHARES FIRST LOOK AT NEW RENAISSANCE TOLEDO DOWNTOWN HOTEL

Former Toledo Grand Plaza Hotel undergoing extensive renovations

Rosemont, Ill., May XX, 2016 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), is sharing the first photos of renovation progress of the former Toledo Grand Plaza Hotel. The property is in the process of a major, multi-million dollar renovation and will reopen in November as the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, an upscale lifestyle brand by Marriott.

Renovations are being made throughout the hotel, including room finishes, shower conversions and all new furniture in guestrooms. Upon completion, the 13-story hotel will feature 241 modern guest rooms and 18,000 square feet of flexible event/meeting space that includes three boardrooms, five breakout rooms, and a divisible 10,800-square-foot grand ballroom. The lobby and public spaces are also being remodeled to reflect the hotel's new identity, and will bring an entirely new aesthetic. The hotel will feature an open-air rooftop bar and eatery that will provide sweeping views of the Maumee River and Toledo skyline, a three-meal upscale restaurant and the Renaissance signature "R" Lounge on the main floor. In addition, guests will be able to enjoy a fitness center, club lounge and underground pedway that connects the hotel to the Vistula parking garage.

"As we know how excited the community is about this property and what it means for the Toledo marketplace, we are happy to share updates on the progress of renovations and really get everyone engaged," said Habeeb. "We look forward to continuing work on the renovations and incorporating the rich local flavors into the property to truly transform it to really reflect the culture of the area."

Distinguished architecture and design firm, DiLeonardo International, will draw from Toledo's glass-working culture and location by the Maumee River to create unexpected moments of discovery throughout the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel.

Located on the banks of the Maumee River in downtown Toledo, the hotel

will be the ideal location for guests staying for business or leisure in the Toledo marketplace. The hotel is directly connected to the Imagination Station and within a few minutes of the Seagate Convention Center, the Huntington Center, Hollywood Casino, Toledo Museum of Art, Fifth Third Field, home to the Toledo Mud Hens, and the Toledo Zoo. Business travelers can enjoy close proximity to companies such as Owens Corning, Libbey, Fifth Third Bank, HCR ManorCare, the new ProMedica campus downtown and more.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) is a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company with more than 30 years of award-winning experience. FHG's unique people-driven professional culture fosters a team of highly skilled and motivated hospitality experts who consistently deliver outstanding property level performance, as well as memorable and engaging guest experiences. Headquartered in Chicago, FHG's portfolio features 19 brands and 43 properties throughout the Midwest. For more information, visit, www.fhginc.com.

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