

## John Q. Hammons Opens First Four-Star Hotel in Popular Glendale, Ariz., Near Phoenix

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### Marriott Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa Open for Business

John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts this week announced the opening of the four-star Marriott(R) Renaissance(R) Glendale Hotel & Spa, more than doubling the number of hotel rooms in Glendale before next year's highly anticipated Super Bowl XLII will be played at Glendale's University of Phoenix Stadium. Located about 800 feet from the stadium and 300 feet from the Jobing.com Arena, the Renaissance and attached conference center and media center offer more than 100,000 gross square feet of combined meeting space. The 12-story, 320-room hotel is owned by Mr. John Q. Hammons, and the hotel, conference center and media center are all managed by John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts, the nation's leading independent builder, developer, owner and manager of upscale, full-service, hotels, resorts and suites.

'The incredible development in the West Valley area provided an excellent opportunity to build this beautiful gem of a property,' said Mr. Hammons, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts. 'With so much for visitors to see and do in Glendale, I'm confident the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa will contribute to their expectations of the area.'

The opening of the Renaissance Glendale exemplifies John Q. Hammons' aggressive development efforts in the Western U.S., as the legendary hotelier has recently announced new properties in Colorado, Utah and Idaho.

Located in the heart of the developing Westgate City Center at 9495 W. Coyotes Boulevard, the Renaissance Glendale offers guests 33 suites, including three presidential suites and two concierge levels, an outdoor swimming pool, a state-of-the-art fitness center, an indoor lap pool and more. Inspired by the desert sunsets, the décor of the hotel, lobby, restaurant and guest rooms reflects the area's natural beauty with accents of vibrant orange and yellow hues, while fire features, colored glass sculptures and palm trees extend the desert theme throughout the property.

Strategically located in the northwest region of the Phoenix Metropolitan Area on the Loop 101, Glendale is only a 20-minute drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and a 15-minute drive from downtown Phoenix. With 250,000 citizens, Glendale is the fourth largest city in Arizona and is home to Arizona State University West and Luke Air Force Base.

'This property was designed with the modern traveler in mind,' said Lynn Green-Sheibeler, general manager of the hotel. 'Not only will our visitors enjoy close proximity to area attractions, our property provides an exceptional guest experience with the high-standard of service for which John Q. Hammons' properties are known.'

Guests can enjoy a variety of contemporary American cuisine, including signature dishes by Executive Chef Scott Cape, at the hotel's restaurant, Soleil. Ray's, the inviting lobby lounge, serves cocktails inside or on the outdoor patio, while Caffaina's, the marketplace café, brews Starbucks coffee and has wireless Internet access. The property also features a two-story John Q. Hammons' signature Spa Botanica, offering manicures, pedicures, massage, body treatments, facials and waxing. The hotel's Spa Botanica has eight indoor treatment rooms and a private outdoor retreat with seven cabanas, a pool and a whirlpool.

"We are very proud and pleased to welcome the Renaissance Glendale to our city,' said Mayor Elaine Scruggs. 'Glendale has quickly become a destination city for tourists. Luxury hotel accommodations like the Renaissance within walking distance of so many sports and entertainment venues complete the total experience visitors want when making their travel choices.'

Hotel staff celebrated the property's opening all week, culminating many months of hard work leading up to the successful opening. The celebration at the Renaissance Glendale continues with a VIP event for city leaders, local business owners and area dignitaries on October 30. Formal grand opening activities with the public are expected to take place in November.

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