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THE CHICAGO MARRIOTT NAPERVILLE AWARDED "OPENING OF THE YEAR" The Newest and Largest Full-Service Hotel in Chicago's Western Suburbs Recognized by Marriott International for Hospitality Excellence

NAPERVILLE, III. (Nov. 15, 2012) – The Chicago Marriott Naperville is pleased to announce that the hotel is a recipient of one of the most prestigious honors given by Marriott International and has been awarded "Opening of the Year."

To be awarded "Opening of the Year," the entire hotel team including its ownership, management company and construction company must have met the following criteria:

- Organizations followed the opening team plan and processes defined by Marriott
- Organizations communicated well during the conversion with their team as well as the opening team from Marriott
- The team made effective use of the Marriott tools available to them
- The facility was at least 90% ready to open upon arrival of the opening team
- The opening was on time and resulted in great working relationships
- The organization was engaged in the Marriott culture rally

The Chicago Marriott Naperville is owned by Heitman, Janko Group and The Bricton Group. It is managed by The Bricton Group and construction services were provided by Peak Construction.

"We have a long-term working relationship with Marriott and are thrilled by the award which recognizes our combined commitment to hospitality excellence," said Ed Doherty, president of The Bricton Group. Our partnership with Janko Group, Heitman and Peak Construction was a recipe for success. The hotel opened on time and our entire staff fully

embraced Marriott's commitment to outstanding customer service," said Doherty. "We look forward to continuing to bring Marriott's warmth and world-class service to Naperville."

"I'm honored to be recognized by Marriott International for the role Janko Group played in developing the largest full service hotel in the Chicago's western suburbs," said Gary Janko, senior managing director, principal, and founder of Janko Group.

Located at 1801 Naper Blvd., the contemporary hotel is the result of a state-of-the-art, \$30 million dollar gut-rehab that included everything from a brand-new-central HVAC plant to a modernized great room lobby.

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About the Chicago Marriott Naperville (<u>www.chicagomarriottnaperville.com</u>)

The Chicago Marriott Naperville is the newest and largest full-service hotel in Chicago's western suburbs. With its brand new construction and contemporary design, the 424-room hotel has more than 25,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space, plus a 7,000 sq. ft. ballroom to accommodate almost any size of meeting, trade show or wedding. Guest rooms include Frette linens, and all guests can enjoy free parking, the indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center, hotel-wide WiFi, business services, and the superlative Artisan Table restaurant. Visit chicagomarriottnaperville.com for more information, to make reservations, and to find out about current specials and packages. The Marriott Naperville is part of Marriot International, based in Bethesda, Md., one of the world's leading lodging companies with nearly 3,700 properties in 72 countries and territories worldwide.

Several companies partnered to complete the \$30-million project that is now the Chicago Marriott Naperville, including Janko Group, Bricton Group, Heitman and Peak Construction:

About the Bricton Group

The Bricton Group's hotel management company philosophy is to deliver quality, value, service and results. Bricton currently oversees a hotel portfolio of 15 hotels with a market value in excess of \$350 million. To learn more about the Bricton Group, please visit www.bricton.com.

About the Janko Group

Janko Group, founded in 1988, is a privately owned real estate investment company with an

existing portfolio of assets in excess of \$300 million including land with significant future

development. The firm's primary focus is adding value to real estate through strategic

acquisition, land development, vertical development and structured financing. To learn more

about the Janko Group, please visit www.jankogroup.us.

About Heitman

Founded in 1966 and headquartered in Chicago, Heitman LLC is a global real estate investment

management firm with over \$25 billion in assets. Heitman makes investments directly and

indirectly in real estate in North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. The firm's clients include US

and international institutions, pension plans, endowments, foundations and corporations. To

learn more about Heitman, please visit www.heitman.com.

About Peak Construction

Since 1997, Peak Construction Corporation, a privately held, well-capitalized design-build firm,

has delivered property solutions designed and constructed to deliver maximum future flexibility

of use. The company nurtures a corporate culture that prioritizes communication, client

interactivity, teamwork and creativity to produce projects that result in greater short-term and

long-term value. To learn more about Peak, please visit www.peakconstruction.com.

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