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HOTEL INDIGO™ ATHENS ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES

Key Talent for Boutique Operations found locally in Athens, Georgia

ATHENS (May 6, 2009) – Developer Rialto Property Partners, LLC and hotel operators Park Place Hospitality Group, Inc. announce the hiring of Robert Jahn as General Manager and Nikki Boatwright as Director of Sales for the new Hotel Indigo scheduled to open in September in downtown Athens.

Born and raised in Athens, Jahn brings valuable perspective to Hotel Indigo with strong community connections. His family has been active in local business since 1974, and continues to provide an intrinsic network in the business society. Meanwhile, Boatwright has nearly a decade of experience working with the Athens community and the University of Georgia.

"Robert and Nikki offer the local perspective that our property needs to be authentically boutique. Their respective expertise in hospitality management and sales, coupled with their genuine personalities and enthusiasm, will deliver the refreshing and intimate experience that we think is necessary for top service in Athens," said Anna Ferretti, Director of Operations and Development Planning for Rialto Property Partners.

As the new General Manager for downtown Athens' newest hotel, Robert Jahn brings over 14 years experience in business operations, hospitality, and property management. His extensive background in hospitality includes owning and operating Jahn Events/Blooms of Holland and the Hardeman-Sams House in Athens. He also spent part of his career in Charleston, South Carolina, where he assisted with the opening of Market Pavilion Hotel. During his management tenure, the property received the distinguished AAA Four Diamond Award and achieved membership into the elite class of Leading Small Hotels of the World.

As Director of Sales for Hotel Indigo Athens, Nikki Boatwright offers a strong foundation of real estate and university connections to help build business and community relationships. She most recently served as a Sales Professional for the University of Georgia Conference Center and Hotel with a focus on campus business. Nikki brings over 8 years of sales, hospitality, real estate development and property management experience to her new role.



“While Robert and Nikki possess the necessary operational and sales skills, they also personify the unique, welcoming character of the Hotel Indigo brand that we expect to deliver at the Athens property,” said Wendy McCauley of Park Place Hospitality Group, Inc.

Jahn’s education and experience have prepared him for a long career in boutique hotel management. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, with a Minor in Business Administration from the College of Charleston. He is currently active in Athens Wedding Professionals as a board member, and is an Officer in the Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge. Robert currently lives in Watkinsville, with his wife Sonya, and their two children.

Boatwright received her Bachelor’s degree in History from the University of Georgia in 2001. Before entering the field of hospitality, she worked as the sales assistant and office manager for the associate broker of RE/MAX and became a licensed REALTOR® with Keller Williams Greater Athens in 2003. She currently serves on the board of the Young Professionals Network, a sub-committee of the Athens Clarke County Chamber of Commerce.

About Rialto Property Partners

Rialto Property Partners, LLC specializes in sustainable development, bringing to market projects that meet LEED criteria and promote responsible building practices. Additionally, Rialto provides pre-development services, which include land acquisition, project consulting and conceptualization, joint venture partner development, and development financing. For more information, visit www.rialtopropertypartners.com.

About Park Place Hospitality

Park Place Hospitality Group, Inc. has over 30 years experience in hotel development and management, operating a portfolio of award-winning hospitality brands. Their area of expertise spans from full service, premium hotels to extended-stay properties with locations throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.parkplacehg.com.

About Hotel Indigo

Hotel Indigo™ Athens is an InterContinental Hotels Group property developed by Rialto Property Partners and managed by Park Place Hospitality. Located five blocks from the University of Georgia’s campus, the building is anticipated to be among the first few hotels in the Southeast region to achieve LEED® Gold-Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. For more information, visit www.athensdowntownhotel.com.



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