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10 Noteworthy Hotel Openings: June 2015

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June welcomed a number of new and rebranded hotels to the market. Here are 10 noteworthy openings that took place this month:

AC Hotel Chicago Downtown: Marcus Hotels & Resorts and Marriott International introduced the fourth AC by Marriott in the United States to the Windy City. The 226-room property, designed by The Gettys Group, draws inspiration from Milan's fashion houses and runways. The hotel features 3,000 square feet of meeting space. It is owned and managed by Marcus Hotels & Resorts.

Hyatt Regency Makkah: The first Hyatt Regency-branded hotel in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia opened in Makkah under a management agreement with Jabal Omar Development Company. Located close to several religious sites, the property offers 656 guestrooms, including 26 suites. Its design features rich textures and designer décor, with rooms crafted to meet religious needs of guests.

Hyatt Centric South Beach: The second Hyatt Centric worldwide was brought to Miami Beach courtesy of Hyatt Hotel Corporation in conjunction with development group Robert Finvarb Companies and its partner, David Martins. The 105-room lifestyle hotel was designed by architect Kobi Karp, and is inspired by the local culture. Local gallerist Dina Mitrani provided modern furnishings and artwork.

Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima: Wyndham Hotel Group has opened its seventh property in Peru with local partner Costa del Sol. The 144-room hotel provides nearly 8,000 square feet of meeting and event space. It is located near dozens of embassies and the city's financial district, making it ideal for business travelers.

Hotel Jackson: The first luxury boutique hotel to be built in town of Jackson, Wyo., in more than 15 years, the Jackson Hole property offers 58 guestrooms, including six suites. Also the first LEED-certified hotel in Jackson, it was designed to connect guests with the area's natural surroundings with modern western décor that pays homage to the hotel's early 1900s heritage. (Photo courtesy of Hotel Jackson by Sheets Studios.)

Hotel Indigo Baltimore—Mt. Vernon: Located near the heart of downtown Baltimore, InterContinental Hotels Group has opened the first of its Indigo brand in a historic building that once housed Baltimore's first YMCA. The 162-room hotel's features 4,000 square feet of meeting space. Its design was inspired by the surrounding Mt. Vernon neighborhood. The hotel is owned by MVH Baltimore and managed by Chesapeake Hospitality.

Aloft South Beach: Starwood Hotels & Resorts opened an adaptive re-use Aloft hotel overlooking Lake Pancoast and the Collins Canal in Miami Beach. The 235-room property features a new eight-story tower and more than 2,300 square feet of meeting space. The property was developed by JMH Development and Madden Real Estate Ventures, and is managed by Sage Hospitality.

Carmelo Resort & Spa: Hyatt Hotels Corporation has entered into a franchise agreement with Hotel Corporation Uruguay, S.A. to revamp the property formerly managed by the Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts. The 44-room resort is inspired by Asian and South American design to create a retreat for guests. Two boardrooms, one at 1,141 square feet with a connecting terrace, are available. The hotel will be managed by Hotel Corporation Uruguay, S.A. and SMI Hotels & Resorts.

The Old No. 77 Hotel & Chandlery: Located in the historic Warehouse Arts District of New Orleans, the building built in 1854 has been refreshed. Previously the Ambassador Hotel, Provenance Hotels and GB Lodging expanded the hotel's room count to 16 in partnership with Woodbine Development Corporation. The property showcases art created in conjunction with the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts.

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin Northwest—Arboretum: A multimillion dollar transformation has brought a redesigned lobby and updated guestrooms to the former Holiday Inn. The property features 194 guestrooms with vintage-style décor, and 7,200 square feet of event space. Designed with tech-savvy travelers in mind, the hotel possesses a modern look with artwork from regional artists displayed on the walls of public spaces. The hotel is owned by 8901Austin Hotel and managed by Driftwood Hospitality Management.