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**HOTEL EQUITIES CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING OF HYATT PLACE  
COLUMBUS/POLARIS**

*112-room Hyatt Place hotel opens in the heart of Columbus, Ohio*



**COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 16, 2022) –**

Today, [Hotel Equities](#) (“HE”) announced the [Hyatt Place Columbus / Polaris](#) hotel is officially open, expanding the Hyatt Place brand’s footprint in markets that matter most to guests and World of Hyatt members. The new hotel features the Hyatt Place brand’s intuitive design, casual atmosphere and practical amenities, such as free Wi-Fi and 24-hour food offerings. Witness Investments owns and developed the project and Hotel Equities operates the hotel.

“We are very excited to open our first Hyatt Place and begin our partnership with Hyatt Hotels,” said Sachin Patel, Principal of Construction and Capital Projects at Witness Investment. “We are honored to be one of the first ownership groups to open Hyatt Place’s newest exterior prototype for the brand. While the global pandemic disrupted almost every aspect of the development and construction process on this project, I am blessed to have an incredible and dedicated team at Witness Construction that navigated every challenge we faced from working through the lockdown in 2020 and managing the volatility and unknowns of labor and supply chain to deliver this beautiful hotel. The Hyatt Place Polaris is a great addition to our growing portfolio in Columbus, Ohio, and we are excited to add this one to our expanding operational partnership with Hotel Equities.”

Because Hyatt's efforts are grounded in listening and fueled by care, Hyatt Place hotels combine style, innovation and 24/7 conveniences to create an easy to navigate experience for today's multi-tasking traveler. At Hyatt Place Columbus / Polaris, the hotel offers the perfect home base for an Ohio adventure. Here, you can spend the day touring museums, retail shopping, exploring Top Golf, or venture off to downtown Columbus and stroll along Scioto Mile with its acres of rich parkland.

"Hyatt Place Columbus/Polaris is a tremendous asset to the HE Portfolio," said Joe Viglietta, VP of Operations, "It is located in the heart of Ohio's state capital, Columbus, in close proximity of attractions and the historic Ohio State University campus. The property is walking distance from a hub of popular food and drink spots and is sure to attract traffic from those traveling through the city for both leisure and work."

Hyatt Place Columbus / Polaris offers:

- **112 spacious guestrooms** with separate spaces to sleep, work and play, as well as a Cozy Corner sofa-sleeper
- **Breakfast Bar** featuring hot breakfast items, fresh fruit, steel cut oatmeal, Greek yogurt, and more
- **The Market** serving freshly prepared meals anytime, day or night
- **The Bar** featuring specialty coffees and premium beers, as well as wines and cocktails
- **Necessities** program for forgotten items that guests can buy, borrow or enjoy for free
- **Free Wi-Fi** throughout hotel and guestrooms
- **Event Spaces** offer 2,740 square feet of flexible, high-tech meeting/function space
- **Fitness Center** featuring cardio equipment with LCD touchscreens

"Polaris is a vibrant city, filled with friendly people, great neighborhoods, and an ever-expanding list of great places to visit and things to do or see," said Robert Dunklee, GM of the Hyatt Place Columbus / Polaris. "Our hotel is central to all of them and we are confident that we will exceed guest expectations and provide them with everything they need while visiting our area."

#### **HYATT PLACE COLUMBUS/POLARIS LEADERSHIP**

Hyatt Place Columbus/Polaris is under the leadership of General Manager Robert Dunklee and Director of Sales Robert Kapala. In his role, Dunklee is directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hotel, including overseeing the hotel's associates and ensuring guests encounter the thoughtful service for which the Hyatt Place brand is known. Kapala is responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the area.

For more information, please visit [hyattplace.com](http://hyattplace.com).

#### **ABOUT HYATT PLACE**

Hyatt Place hotels combine style, innovation and 24/7 conveniences to create an easy to navigate experience for today's multi-tasking traveler. Guests can enjoy thoughtfully designed guestrooms featuring distinct zones for sleep, work and play, and free flowing social spaces that offer seamless transitions from work to relaxation. With more than 300 locations globally, Hyatt Place hotels offer freshly prepared food around the clock, efficient service and differentiated experiences for [World of Hyatt](#) members. For more information, please visit [hyattplace.com](http://hyattplace.com). Join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and tag photos with #HyattPlace and #WhySettle.

## **About Hotel Equities**

Hotel Equities is an award-winning full-scale hotel ownership, management and development firm with a portfolio of over 200 hotels and resorts throughout the United States and Canada. Fred Cerrone, CHA, serves as Founder and Chairman; Brad Rahinsky serves as President and CEO. Hotel Equities is an affiliate of 33 Degrees, an integrated management platform combining market knowledge and industry experience across a broad range of CRE assets including office, restaurant, retail, mixed-use and multi-unit residential. For more information on Hotel Equities, visit [www.hotelequities.com](http://www.hotelequities.com).

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