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**Courtyard Magnificent Mile Announces Multi-Million Dollar Makeover**

CHICAGO, Illinois. December 4, 2009 – Befitting the upcoming New Year, the Courtyard by Marriott, located at the corner of Ontario and Michigan Avenue, has announced its plans for a multi-million dollar renovation. Beginning in early January and ending in early March 2010, the renovation will see a complete upgrading of the hotel's 306 guest rooms and suites.

To remain open during the renovation, the Courtyard has taken great care to ensure guests are not inconvenienced or bothered by any noise. Three to four floors will be upgraded simultaneously, and an empty buffer floor will be between guests and the construction.

"The rooms will be spectacular," said Eamon O'Brien, Director of Sales and Marketing. "In addition to all new beds, we're updating the color palate to make the room even more comfortable and welcoming. Incorporating new luxury linens, wall paper, carpeting, and artwork are just some of the many changes we are making to enhance the guest experience."

O'Brien went on to say the hotel hopes to create private, relaxing sanctuaries for its guests. "Our property is located right off the Magnificent Mile and is at the heart of all that the city has to offer. As a smaller property, we want our guests to enjoy the convenience of our ideal location while feeling at home and comfortable coming back after a busy day of shopping, eating, and sight-seeing." O'Brien continued.

While the downtown Courtyard may be small by Chicago standards, it has several unique aspects to make it attractive to business and pleasure travelers. It is the perfect size to host groups of up to 200 people, and the staff is friendly, knowledgeable and works hard to ensure the success of any meeting, gathering or social event. And, if you thought all hotel restaurants were the same, Viand at the Courtyard will change your mind.

In the kitchen at Viand is world-renown chef and Chicago native Steve Chiappetti. Serving up delightful dishes at breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as offering a child's menu and catering, Viand is a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

"People know what to expect when they stay at a Courtyard and rely on the consistency that the brand provides," O'Brien said. "They're assured a comfortable room at a reasonable price. However, with our upcoming renovation, our customers' expectations will be exceeded as we offer them an upscale comfortable room, at an excellent location and at a reasonable price."