

-Architectural changes complement original atrium design and enhance guest experience with the addition of flexible meeting space to accommodate small to large groups, new dining experiences, vibrant guest amenities and much more –

December 8, 2006 (Chicago, IL) – **Hyatt Regency O’Hare**, one of world’s largest convention hotels located in Rosemont, IL, will close its doors on Sunday, December 10 to begin a dramatic **\$60 million transformation** of the Jonathan Portman-designed, iconic 1969 structure. It will bring significant changes to the public spaces of the hotel and conference center wing, adding cutting-edge design elements and flexible meeting space to accommodate intimate high-end meetings and large-scale events while adding a wealth of amenities for both business and leisure travelers. To kick-off this highly anticipated project, the hotel will close its doors through January 29, 2007 to complete structural components of the re-design. Phase I of the renovation is scheduled for completion in April 2007.

TVS Interiors, an architecture and interior design firm based in Atlanta, has conceived the progressive new design.

“This will be a groundbreaking transformation for the Hyatt Regency O’Hare, one of our portfolio’s landmark atrium hotels,” said **Chuck Floyd, Executive Vice President and COO of Hyatt Hotels Corporation**. “We’ve built a reputation as *the* destination for high-end business travel and large groups in part due to the hotel’s size and convenient location to the convention center, airport and downtown Chicago. Through this evolution, we’ll attract a more diverse group of clientele including smaller corporate groups and leisure travelers who want the same convenient location but also new and exciting on-property amenities that meet their needs.”

The new Hyatt Regency O’Hare will offer some of the best large-and small-scale meeting facilities in the world while adding a wealth of new guest experiences, most of which encourage social interaction within a softer, more intimate atmosphere. Among these new amenities is a brand new lobby-level restaurant with an open-air exhibition kitchen as its centerpiece and a separate lobby-level bar. Sleek and stylish materials such as glass, natural stones, wood finishes, onyx and captivating floral accents will be used throughout the design to encourage guests to linger between meetings or to enjoy a cocktail before heading into Chicago.

“The original Jonathan Portman design of the Hyatt Regency O’Hare was revolutionary,” said Liz Neiswander, AIA, Principal of TVS. “It was important for us to respect the dynamic elements of his original design, but at the same time, not be afraid to make progressive changes both functionally and aesthetically.”

This vision will be manifested in the following design highlights scheduled for Phase I of Hyatt Regency O’Hare’s transformation:

- **New conference center** – a contemporary, two-level conference center catering to small groups with a dedicated meeting concierge and 15 high-tech break out spaces
- **Enhanced meeting and function space**– more than 110,000 sq. feet of meeting and event space will be available, including the Grand Ballroom (the largest in the Midwest), complete with an expansive foyer and new meeting space with flexible air walls just off the lobby
- **New porte cochere** – completely re-designed entry level and lobby level with contemporary finishes, including the use of glass and hardwood
- **Dynamic new restaurant** serving gourmet continental cuisine
- **New lobby level bar** with large windows and high-tech projection screens for a unique, multi-sensory experience
- **Increased ease of access** – convenient new escalator and elevator access to lower-level meeting space and relocation of the front desk to the lobby level
- **New and improved public spaces** to increase social gathering and interaction
- **New lobby level Regency Club** offers V.I.P. services, including private concierge
- **Vibrant guest amenities** – 24-hour StayFit@Hyatt gym featuring the latest workout equipment, flat-screen televisions

and new, full-service
business center operated by Fedex/Kinko'ssm

· **Enclosed skywalk access to the Donald E Stephens Convention Center** offering 840,000 additional square feet of meeting and exhibition space

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About Hyatt Regency O'Hare

Hyatt Regency O'Hare is a world-class convention destination located in the ever-growing community of Rosemont, Illinois. Opened in 1971 with an iconic design by John Portman & Associates, the property features 1,100 luxurious guest rooms, including 42 suites, set with elegant modern furnishings and deluxe amenities. Meeting and event spaces are abundant, totaling 110,000 square feet, and afford convenient access to the sites, scenes and business districts of downtown Chicago. Generous recreational facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool and state-of-the-art health club, while on-site dining venues run from the classic Other Place steakhouse to cozy Sarah's Pantry. The hotel's proximity includes skywalk convenience to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center and five-minute access to O'Hare International Airport. www.ohare.hyatt.com.

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