

□ **West Hollywood, Calif. (January 12, 2009)**—The monumental artwork by artist Brian Cairns that has concealed **Andaz West Hollywood**'s south-facing exterior for the last month has come down to reveal the second property in the **Andaz** brand portfolio and the first **Andaz** hotel to open in the United States. Encouraging guests to create their own experience, **Andaz West Hollywood** offers an uncomplicated stay while focusing on delivering the simplest pleasures.

"It's been quite a journey, but we're delighted to have the doors open," said **Andaz West Hollywood** General Manager Michel Morauw. "We look forward to welcoming our first guests and the community to **Andaz**."

**Andaz West Hollywood** has completely re-imagined the fourteen-story former *Hyatt on Sunset*, affectionately referred to as the "Riot House." While guests may still find subtle hints and heritage from its earlier days, the new hotel focuses on unique details and the special locale of West Hollywood, California. **Andaz** worked with New York-based architecture and interior design firm Janson Goldstein to develop the series of engaging spaces featuring design sensibilities tied to the locale of the hotel.

"Our mission has been to make each **Andaz** property unique to its surrounding area," says Janson Goldstein principal Hal Goldstein. "We have highlighted the contrasts between the modern and the mid-century, as well as broken down barriers between the indoor and outdoor spaces."

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> also marked the opening of the highly anticipated **RH** restaurant. French-trained chef Sebastien Archambault leads as executive chef and has been working with local vendors and growers to create his "market to table" menu, which focuses on regional, seasonal ingredients and personal choice. In addition to a menu of signature dishes, **RH** offers a market list, from which guests will be able to choose and customize their own meals. The restaurant showcases local wines inspired by boutique vintners celebrating the best of California.

In the same spirit of openness and transparency that marks the style of **RH**, Sebastien and his team work in an open kitchen, which anchors the 100-seat bar and restaurant. The walk-in coolers feature glass doors so guests can observe their entire meal taking shape from storage and preparation to cooking and plating.

"Our menu highlights the climate and richness in Los Angeles, and we would like to give new meaning to the concept of honest food," Sebastien comments.

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