

□ **HOUSTON, TX (April 22, 2009)** –Hyatt Regency Houston, a prominent landmark in the downtown Houston skyline since 1972, has completed its comprehensive, \$40-million transformation including the renovation of all 947 guestrooms, a redesigned LobbiBar, and 64,000 square feet of refreshed meeting space. The project also included the opening of Texas' first Shula's Steak House.

At the center of the transformation are new guestrooms designed with rich hues of chocolate, silver, and beige. All rooms are fitted with the signature Hyatt Grand Bed complete with a pillow-top mattress and three-part Comfort Support System. Long, sleek work desks have been added with wall-mounted, plug-n-play consoles for Internet connectivity. Dark wood furnishings, contemporary lighting and 32-inch high-definition, flat panel televisions complete the new room style. Guestroom baths include a spacious, walk-in shower, a glamorous, black marble-top vanity and matching black marble flooring.

“We completely transformed the hotel to reflect the experiences that today’s business, convention, and leisure guests expect when they travel,” says Steve Trent, managing director of Hyatt Regency Houston.

Over 64,000 square feet of meeting space was refreshed with new carpet, wall coverings, artwork and lighting. The most dramatic change can be seen in Window Box, an intimate event space overlooking the hotel’s atrium lobby, where sophisticated lighting was added to the newly expanded venue. A second point of entry and registration area were also added to the redesigned space.

Shula’s Steak House replaced the hotel’s two previous lobby-level restaurants. The first of its kind in Texas, Shula’s features upscale, steakhouse fare and is themed after the 1972 Miami Dolphins’ “Perfect Season” - the only team in NFL history to finish a season undefeated.

Centrally located beneath the soaring atrium, the redesigned LobbiBar offers cocktails in a contemporary setting. The sunken design features glass walls, pendent lighting, and modern seating on two levels. Themed cocktail nights include Make-Your-Own Martini Mondays where guests customize martinis from a list of ingredients and then name their recipes. The recipes are then shared with others via the LobbiBar’s Facebook page.

About Hyatt Regency Houston

Located in the heart of downtown and boasting 947 guestrooms, Hyatt Regency Houston features 64,000 square feet of flexible function space including the 16,000 square foot Imperial Ballroom, and the 28,000 square foot exhibit hall. Just steps from Houston’s Entertainment District and Main Street, with Metro Light Rail, Hyatt Regency Houston is the place to stay whether traveling for business or pleasure. Reservations may be obtained by calling 713-654-1234, or logging on to www.hyattregencyhouston.com.

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