

Press Release | TILMAN J. FERTITTA ANNOUNCES HOUSTON'S PREMIER LUXURY HOTEL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

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HOUSTON, TX (April 23, 2015) – Tilman J. Fertitta has broken ground on The Post Oak, the first vertical mixed-use, master-planned project in Houston that combines hotel, office, residential, retail and restaurant offerings all in one tower. The luxurious new development will be prominently located in the Galleria and Uptown area along West Loop South, with convenient access from Loop 610, Holly Hurst Street, and Hallmark Drive. Rising above this 10-acre prestigious mixed-use development will be a sophisticated 35-story tower with an adjacent elegant and expansive ballroom, the largest in the Galleria and Uptown area. In addition to the already existing magnificent oak trees on the property, Fertitta will spend over \$1 million to transplant and install large specimen oak trees to further complement the development.

“The Post Oak will serve as a luxury destination for guests, businesses, and residents,” stated Tilman J. Fertitta, developer of The Post Oak. “I am excited about creating Houston’s finest hotel, most unique service-oriented office space, exclusive luxury residential apartments, and once again, some of Houston’s best restaurants. The Post Oak’s proximity to our corporate office allows me and my executive team to be intimately involved in the planning and development of this 10-acre urban experience.”

“We welcome this addition to the Galleria and Uptown area, Houston’s premier destination for fashion, fine dining, luxury hotels, prominent office addresses and elegant high-rise living,” said John Breeding, president of Uptown Houston District. “Tilman Fertitta is setting the standard for luxury development. We are so pleased he has chosen the Uptown district as the area to build this incredible project.”

A Tower Designed to Set New Standards

The 650,000-square-foot tower will accommodate 240-luxury hotel rooms, more than 120,000 square feet of boutique office space, and 22-residential apartment units, all with dramatic interior finishes and unobstructed views of the surrounding neighborhoods and Downtown. Upon entering The Post Oak, all will be captivated by an impressive open plaza, with outdoor dining patios, and lushly landscaped pedestrian areas. The tower’s lobby will be designed with exquisite finishes and furnishings, custom lighting, and views overlooking a stunning pool. Unique amenities will include a two-story spa and salon, signature restaurants and retail, over 1,000 parking spaces, and more.

Luxury Hotel

The tower's luxury hotel will feature a combination of 240-well-appointed rooms and suites generously ranging from 500 to 2,000 square feet. All rooms and suites feature five-fixture deluxe bathrooms, state-of-the-art audio visual technology, three televisions and separate sitting areas. Additionally, the hotel will offer a Presidential Suite and an impressive 4,000-square-foot, two-bedroom Chairman Suite with its own private elevator access, media room, exercise room, and private terrace. The Chairman Suite will serve as Houston's finest luxury suite for visiting dignitaries, celebrities, and other VIPs.

High-End Commercial Office Space

Eleven stories in The Post Oak tower are designated for low density, Class A, commercial office space with high ceilings, offering boutique professional firms and businesses the ultimate office space in a prime, central location. All office tenants will enjoy exclusive 24-hour services including catering and room service, corporate concierge, and transportation needs. A separate secure entrance from the parking garage will provide direct access to the offices.

Residential Units

The tower's luxurious 22-residential apartment units will set the highest standard for urban living. A mixture of one and two-bedroom units will range from 1,000 to 2,000 square feet. Residents will appreciate full kitchens, five-fixture deluxe bathrooms, large walk-in closets, five-star amenities and services, as well as close proximity to Uptown Park, Memorial Park, and The Galleria.

The Ballroom and Conference Center – The Preferred Venue for All Occasions

Adjacent to the tower, guests will enter the ballroom's exclusive entrance under the porte-cochère to find an impressive 30,000-square-foot multi-function area perfect for any occasion. The over 16,000-square-foot main ballroom will be the largest in the area, complemented by two expansive pre-function areas, a second level 3,000-square-foot junior ballroom and 10,000 square feet of conference and breakout room space. Adding exclusive panache and distinction, a two-story auto showroom with floor-to-ceiling windows will display Bentley and Rolls-Royce automobiles from Post Oak Motor Cars (which is also located at the development) as part of one of the pre-function areas. An elegant women's lounge with a separate bridal area and a private outdoor terrace will be featured. Designated ballroom parking will make the space easily accessible to all visitors and guests.

Mastro's Steakhouse Brings Its Unique Dining Experience to Houston

In addition to The Post Oak tower eateries, two highly celebrated restaurants will enhance the development and will be premiering early in the spring of 2017. Mastro's Steakhouse will make its Texas debut in Houston with a 10,000-square-foot restaurant and spectacular outdoor dining. A favorite restaurant among celebrities, Mastro's is a chic steakhouse that offers 'an unparalleled dining experience' praised for world-class service, highly acclaimed cuisine, and live entertainment in an elegant yet entertaining atmosphere. Mastro's is revered in Beverly Hills, Chicago, Las Vegas, Malibu, Newport Beach, Manhattan, and Scottsdale.

Iconic Willie G's Seafood & Steaks to Relocate

Willie G's Seafood & Steaks, a Houston institution and favorite seafood restaurant for more than 35-years, will relocate to The Post Oak development. This 10,000-square-foot restaurant will offer both indoor seating and expansive outdoor patio dining among lush oak trees and will continue to be a preferred watering hole for top athletes, entertainers, travelers, and Houstonians.

Gensler Serving as Master Design Architect

Gensler, the global design firm, is providing master planning, architecture, and interior architecture for The Post Oak. The firm is known for working with clients to create more livable cities, smarter workplaces and more engaging leisure destinations.

“Tilman is creating a new urban development that will be distinct in Houston,” said Gensler Design Principal Raffael Scasserra. “The Post Oak will not only offer a mix of office, hotel, restaurant and retail spaces, it will also include walkable streets shaded by mature oak trees, access to the surrounding neighborhoods at several entry points, a ballroom the likes of which Houston has never seen, and a level of service overall that will set a new standard.”

“The design has timeless classic features accented with modern furnishings, finishes and lighting that will make it really special,” explained Gensler Design Director Lisa Pope-Westerman. “From the moment people enter the space, everything will be focused on providing an exceptional experience. A dramatic, two-story chandelier cascades down and provides views of the pool. The Post Oak will be a treat for the eyes and a full immersion into luxury and comfort.”

Tellepsen Serving as General Contractor

Founded in Houston in 1909, Tellepsen, was chosen as The Post Oak's general contractor. "The Post Oak will be Houston's most distinctive destination," noted Tellepsen Chairman, Howard Tellepsen. "We have been privileged to be the contractor on many significant Houston projects and are pleased to be selected as the construction partner on this landmark development. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Tilman Fertitta in translating his creative vision into reality."

Fertitta Entertainment and its affiliates, Landry's, Golden Nugget and Fertitta Hospitality

Wholly owned by Tilman J. Fertitta, Fertitta Entertainment and its affiliates, Landry's, Golden Nugget, and Fertitta Hospitality, are a multinational, diversified restaurant, hospitality, gaming, and entertainment conglomerate based in Houston, Texas. They operate more than 500 high-end and casual dining establishments around the world, including well-known concepts, such as Landry's Seafood, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Rainforest Cafe, Morton's The Steakhouse, The Oceanaire, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood, Mitchell's Fish Market, Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Claim Jumper, and Mastro's Restaurants. They also operate a group of signature restaurants, including Vic & Anthony's, Grotto, Willie G's, and others. The gaming division includes the renowned Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino concept, with locations in Las Vegas and Laughlin, NV, Atlantic City, NJ, Biloxi, MS, and Lake Charles, LA. The entertainment and hospitality divisions encompass popular destinations, including the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier, Kemah Boardwalk, Aquarium Restaurants, and other exciting attractions, coupled with deluxe accommodations throughout the Houston and Galveston area, including the Westin Hotel in downtown Houston, the Kemah Boardwalk Inn and luxurious San Luis Resort, including the Galveston Island Hilton and Holiday Inn all located on Galveston Island.