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Historic Union Station kicks-off Grand Re-Opening

NEW STATION INCLUDES AMENITIES FOR TRAVELERS AND DENVER LOCALS

DENVER- Sept. xx, xxxx- Members of *The Denver Post* and *5280 Magazine* joined Larimer Associates and Sage Hospitality at the grand re-opening of the newly re-modeled Union Station in downtown Denver, which includes many new additions that are perfect for travelers, commuters and locals of the Denver-Metro area.

Union Station is located in the central part of downtown in walking distance to many apartments, hotels, shops, restaurants, and sports venues, which makes it an ideal location for Denver residents and tourists to catch a bus or train. After the closure of Market Street Station located on the 16th Street Mall, The Union Station Alliance partnered up with RTD and Armark to include bus and light rail transportation lines, train travel and new access to the Free Mall Ride Shuttle. They are also in the process of building a bike station for commuters, which will include lockers, racks, and a shop with different supplies. All of these new and accessible services make this the biggest transportation hub in the city.

Along with transportation updates, Union Station now houses the new and luxurious Crawford Hotel within its historic walls. Sage Hospitality and preservationist Dana Crawford, who also designed The Oxford Hotel and the re-development of Larimer Square in Denver, designed it. Crawford attended the opening and described the amenities that the hotel offers, including 112 guest rooms and suites, the Oxford Club Spa & Salon, spaces to host special events, valet parking, accommodations for pets and a fantastic collection of Colorado art in the lobby from NINE dot ARTS.

Right beside the hotel in the Great Hall are three new shops with Colorado crafts. 5 Green Boxes is a local store that sells antique gifts such as handcrafted jewelry, furniture, accessories and clothing. Another store across the hall providing unique and artistic gifts for travelers at Union Station is Bloom, a lifestyle boutique that includes home décor, jewelry, handbags, furniture

designs and flowers. Right next store is the Tattered Cover Bookstore, a popular indie bookstore with different novels, newspapers and magazines for anyone waiting for a train or bus.

This remodeled station also features new dining options for a night on the town or for those on the go. Two options that feature Union Station historic elements are the Terminal Bar located in the old ticketing office where customers are able to step up to the ticket window to order a quick beer or cocktail and The Cooper Lounge, an old-fashioned bar is modeled after the “post prohibition” era with its sophisticated style. Two other great Colorado based restaurants in Union Station are The Kitchen Next Door, a relaxing community pub with great lunch, dinner and happy hour menus, and Snooze and A.M Eatery, known for its famous pancakes and eggs benedicts. The Fresh Exchange offers fast and casual dining with its fresh salads, sandwiches, wraps and soups. There is also a coffee company and ice cream shop for visitors looking for a sweet snack or coffee to go.

Union Station provides easy access to a host of new office buildings being developed nearby. Autero Resources, an oil and gas company has offices in one of the new buildings. DaVita also has offices in a sparkling new tower just west of Union Station. Sports fans will love Union Station, too. Coors Field is only three blocks away, making Union Station a convenient access point for train and bus passengers attending a game or ticketholders looking for a quick meal. In addition, the nearby light rail lines connect to the Pepsi Center and Sports Authority Field stations

The interior of Union Station carries over several historic features, including benches and signs from the old station. But new modern seating, tables and lighting have been added to brighten the Great Hall and bring it up to 21st century standards for comfort.

Larimer Associates is a Denver Investment and real estate firm providing management services for many businesses within the hospitality industry including Union Station and restaurants in Larimer Square. Their services include financing, leasing, designing, development, marketing and management. Larimer Associates leased out spaces for the new shops and restaurants

Sage Hospitality is a Denver hospitality management company that invests, develops and manages over 75 hotels nationwide. Sage Hospitality manages and played a huge role in the development of The Crawford Hotel.

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