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**MARRIOTT TO OPEN FIRST LUXURY HOTEL IN
THE BRONX**



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NEW YORK CITY — Marriott has signed an agreement to open a 125-room Residence Inn at Metro Center Atrium, a mixed-use project located within the 42-acre Hutchinson Metro Center complex. The Marriott at Metro Center Atrium will be the first luxury hotel in the Bronx.

“We’re thrilled that Marriott, one of the world’s premier hospitality companies, has chosen this location,” says Joseph Simone, president of Simone Development. “Metro Center Atrium is unique in the Bronx. There’s nothing quite like it available anywhere else in the borough, and adding this luxury hotel property further builds our momentum toward completion of this thriving mixed-use project.”

Simone Development Cos. is developing the 370,000-square-foot Metro Center Atrium, which will include office, medical and retail space in addition to the hotel. The developer has also signed LA Fitness to a 43,000-square-foot lease. Completion of the Marriott is slated for 2014.

“Today is a great day for the Bronx,” says James Vacca, New York City council member. “We welcome Marriott as the borough’s first hotel with open arms and hope that it is a signal of even more great things to come. Clearly Marriott has recognized that the Bronx is a destination for New Yorkers and tourists alike.”

