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Saito - Sushi, Steak & Cocktails Inks Deal at “The Department Building” in Downtown Atlanta

Upscale Dining Option at Marx Realty’s 207 Peachtree Street Brings New Flavor to Atlanta’s Downtown Menu

(New York – February 5, 2019) – [Marx Realty](#), a New York-based owner, developer and manager of office, retail and multifamily property across the United States, announced that Saito – Sushi, Steak and Cocktails and restauranteur Stephen de Haan have inked a deal to lease 2,200 square feet of space at the newly rebranded The Department Building, located at 207 Peachtree St. in the Downtown neighborhood of Atlanta. This will be the first Atlanta location for acclaimed Master Chef Saito and is part of Marx Realty’s ongoing commitment to offering office tenants exceptional amenities and experiences. Marx Realty also owns the adjacent buildings where de Haan runs Amalfi Pizza, voted best pizza restaurant in Atlanta, and the Red Phone Booth, a sophisticated bar and cigar lounge.

“Stephen de Haan is a terrific restauranteur and we are thrilled that we will be collaborating with him again, this time in partnership with Master Chef Saito,” said Craig Deitelzweig, president and CEO of Marx Realty. “Future office tenants at The Department Building will be able to enjoy the convenience of having some of the finest sushi, steak and cocktails right in the lobby of their building. The restaurant will surely be one of the premier dining destinations in Atlanta.”

The Saito – Sushi, Steak & Cocktails space will have a dramatic outdoor terrace with removable glass walls to fit the historic aesthetic of The Department Building. The building, formerly home to Regenstein’s department store, is being adapted for creative office use as part of a \$10.5 million modernization and repositioning. As part of Marx Realty’s plan, the firm intends to preserve the building envelope and art deco design elements while creating a modern 48,000-square-foot office and retail experience that will address increasing demand for world-class workspaces and dining options in the Downtown neighborhood.

“To have the opportunity to work alongside Master Chef Saito, is truly an honor,” says de Haan, “His tradition, eye for detail, and passion for service truly will deliver an unforgettable experience for our guests.”

Master Chef Saito was born and raised in Fukushima, Japan where he began his sushi apprenticeship at the age of 12. Sixty years later and Saito has opened over 30 successful restaurants all over the world, in cities such as Paris, New York, and in the Hawaiian Islands. It is this Pacific regional influence that truly inspires Saito, utilizing fresh tropical fruits, balancing delicately with the freshest fish flown in daily to create inspired dishes including rolls and sashimi. de Haan is developing an equally inspired beverage program, utilizing techniques from the Red Phone Booth and traditional Japanese ingredients such as shiso and yuzu. Rare Japanese whiskey will be showcased at Saito, served over double reverse osmosis ice pressed into a sphere from a Taisin ice mold.

“The Downtown neighborhood is re-emerging as a premier live-work-play destination in Atlanta,” said Deitelzweig. “We are beyond excited to bring a building as historic and impressive in character as The Department Building into the 21st century. The modern offices at 207 Peachtree Street present a high-visibility branded building opportunity to this lively enclave of Atlanta while the dramatic soaring ceilings and timeless architectural authenticity are a rare commodity in the Downtown neighborhood.”

Situated between downtown’s signature towers and mixed-use centers including the Westin Peachtree Plaza, One Ninety One Peachtree and Peachtree Center, The Department Building will feature dramatic 18-foot high ceilings, terracotta barrel vaulted ceilings, fluted columns, and original wood floors. It is walking distance from MARTA’s Peachtree Station and minutes from the Downtown Connector and I-85. The surrounding neighborhood is rich in amenities and offers abundant parking. It will offer office tenants expansive loft style floorplates, oversized windows, and a one-of-a-kind rooftop amenity with unobstructed views up and down Peachtree Street and of Stone Mountain. Atlanta-based ASD | SKY is overseeing the design process.

Marketing and leasing for The Department Building is being managed by a Jones Lang LaSalle team led by Jeff Belamy and Claire Ross.

About Marx Realty

Marx Realty is a division of Merchants National Properties (MNP). Founded in 1915, its current portfolio of properties includes over 4.7 million square feet of commercial office, retail and residential space as well as five mixed-use projects currently under development. Marx Realty is vertically integrated and involved in all phases of real estate management, development, construction and leasing. The company’s assets comprise 67 properties in 17 states across the continental United States.

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