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CAPITAL BUSINESS

Post 200 *The guide to the region's top businesses*



The executive team rings the bell for at the New York Stock Exchange. (Courtesy of RLJ)

Public companies

34. RLJ Lodging Trust

The hotel firm, a real estate investment trust, owns 145 hotels in 21 states and the District of Columbia, accounting for some 21,600 rooms. The company, which went public in 2011, was fashioned from a hospitality investment firm and two affiliated lodging-related private equity funds. The "RLJ" in its name refers to Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson, who currently serves as chairman.

Trivia

The hospitality investment trust has been rapidly expanding its footprint, entering markets such as Boston and Miami in 2012.

Bethesda

301-280-7777

Founded: 2011

President and CEO: Thomas J. Baltimore Jr.

Revenue: \$758,952,000

Assets: \$3,290,018,000

Employees (local): 53 (53)

RLJ Lodging Trust news

[D.C. area business diary for week of Dec. 3](#)

Short takes on the week's announcements and deals.

[Washington area business diary for the week of Nov. 19](#)

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[Marriott hits milestone in Courtyard renovations, positions brand for growth](#)

Marriott International plans to celebrate the completion of the 500th renovation. The Bethesda-based company hopes the undertaking will position Courtyard to capture a greater share of the hotel market.

NOTE: Our [methodology](#) for the rankings. DATE: Dec. 17, 2012

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