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Post 200 *The 2011 guide to the region's top businesses*



Robert Johnson, chairman and founder of RLJ Development, in his Bethesda office. (Jeffrey MacMillan/Capital Business)

Public companies and financial services

RLJ Lodging Trust

The real estate investment trust debuted as a public company in May. It later acquired the 176-room Courtyard by Marriott Charleston Historic District hotel for \$42 million, expanding its portfolio to 141 hotels in the United States. The company is an outgrowth of Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson's wide-ranging investment company, RLJ Cos. Another unit, production studio Our Stories Films, released the feature film "Jumping the Broom" in May.

Trivia

Chairman Robert J. Johnson founded Black Entertainment Television, the first channel targeting African Americans.

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Founded: 2006

Chairman: Robert L. Johnson

Employees (local): 80 (80)

RLJ Lodging Trust news

- **What Bill Marriott has meant to Washington's hospitality sector** The Washington region is undoubtedly the epicenter of the hospitality industry thanks to the efforts of J.W. Marriott Jr.
- **Marriott CEO J.W. Marriott Jr. to step down** He built the company his parents started as a District root beer stand in 1927 into one of the biggest hotel chains in the world.
- **Local goliaths cast spotlight on quietly-rebounding financial sector** Washington may not be top of mind as a financial hub, but that could change as home-grown Goliaths Capital One and the Carlyle Group continue to raise their public profiles.
- **RLJ Lodging says underwriters of its IPO bought 4.1M more shares; gross proceeds total \$568.7M** BETHESDA, Md. -- Hotel owner RLJ Lodging Trust said Friday that the underwriters of its initial public offering are exercising an option to buy 4.1 million additional shares of its stock.

Browse: Most local employees

McDonald's	21,400 employees
MedStar Health	15,559 employees
Inova Health System	15,534 employees
Northrop Grumman	15,053 employees
Science Applications International Corp	15,000 employees
Giant Food (Ahold USA)	14,830 employees
Booz Allen Hamilton	14,000 employees
Marriott International	13,330 employees
Verizon	13,100 employees
Lockheed Martin	12,800 employees

Browse: Sectors

Public companies and financial services	90 companies
Private companies	36 companies
Law and Lobby	19 companies
Banks and credit unions	15 companies
Major employers	10 companies
Nonprofits	10 companies
Universities	6 companies
U.S. headquarters	5 companies
Hospitals	5 companies
Sports	4 companies

NOTE: Our **methodology** for the rankings.

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