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## YoungWoo & Associates celebrates opening of Radio Hotel and Tower

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Manhattan, NY Radio Hotel, a full-service boutique hotel in Washington Heights, celebrated its soft opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The event was attended by city leaders and community dignitaries, including mayor Eric Adams, congressman Adriano Espaillat and NYC DOT commissioner Ydanis Rodríguez, each of whom gave a speech welcoming the multi-use property to the neighborhood.

Developed by YoungWoo & Associates as one of the largest commercial investments of its kind in Washington Heights, Radio Hotel and Tower was built as a hub for the local community and allows

for a greater influx of tourism and business to the area. The hotel is now taking guest reservations.

The 221-room hotel features three room types—micro, mini and standard. Each room radiates the energy of Washington Heights with natural light and color coordinated fixtures and furniture. Rooms maintain a minimalistic design style and maximize space for a comfortable stay with full bathroom, writing desk, television, closet and additional storage space.

On-site amenities include Jalao NYC, a Santo-Domingo inspired restaurant by Richard Sandoval Hospitality and a furnished rooftop with panoramic views of Downtown, the Harlem River, and the GW Bridge. The hotel also offers meeting and social space including 10,000 s/f of dedicated event space on the 12th floor and an 8,000 s/f activated courtyard which will also double as a programming hub for hotel and community guests. The development also includes two much needed and rare commodities in this area of Manhattan: 175,00 s/f of office and retail space and a 170-spot underground parking garage open to the community.

Architect of record Stonehill Taylor, and design architect MVRDV, designed the 23-story property to reflect existing architectural patterns found throughout Washington Heights and to adopt the colors of nearby storefronts.

Essentially, the architecture and design teams innovatively developed a vertical blueprint of 'The Heights'.

In his speech, Mayor Adams said: "Nothing sends a better signal to the recovery of our city than a hotel...New York is thriving. You don't have to go to downtown Manhattan to get the Manhattan experience and feeling here. Then it cascades out -- this becomes a magnet and a gravitational pull of people visiting here who will go to the local stores, restaurants, shops, bodegas and will shop locally. We will feed the economy of this community."

At the crucial intersection where Amsterdam Avenue meets the Washington Bridge, Radio Hotel + Tower sits on prime real estate in the lively multicultural neighborhood of Washington Heights. The highly visible 23-storey building is expected to be seen by approximately 50 million cars each year, establishing itself as a new landmark of Washington Heights.

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