

Marcus Hotels will put its mark on new Marriott

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The planned 14-story Capitol District Marriott hotel — to be managed by the Milwaukee-based **Marcus Hotels & Resorts** — will have 20,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, a ballroom, two bars, a restaurant and rooftop swimming pool.

Marcus announced this week that it will manage the 333-room property, which is the anchor of Shamrock Development's \$205 million multifaceted redevelopment to be built downtown at 10th Street and Capitol Avenue.

"We look forward to bringing our more than 50 years of hotel expertise to the new Capitol District Marriott and to making it the premier hotel in downtown Omaha," said Joseph Khairallah, chief operating officer of Marcus Hotels & Resorts, a division of the Marcus Corp.

Marcus Hotels will be a minority investor in the project and has provided pre-development and design programming. MCS Capital LLC is the Marcus Corp.'s hotel investment subsidiary.

Other amenities planned for the full-service hotel: a fitness center, a parking garage and a Starbucks in the lobby. The ballroom will be 11,000 square feet.

Marcus Hotels, also majority owner and manager of Lincoln's recently renovated Cornhusker Marriott hotel, is pleased to have a solid presence in Nebraska's two

largest cities, Khairallah said.

The company, he noted, already is familiar with Omaha, as its movie theater division, Marcus Theatres, entered the market in 2008 with the acquisition of Douglas Theatres. It operates three Omaha movie theaters.

"We are excited about expanding our presence in Omaha and being part of this very special project that will create an even more vibrant downtown," he said.

Mike Moylan, president of Shamrock, said Marcus was selected for its knowledge of the Nebraska

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market, strong relationship with Marriott and management

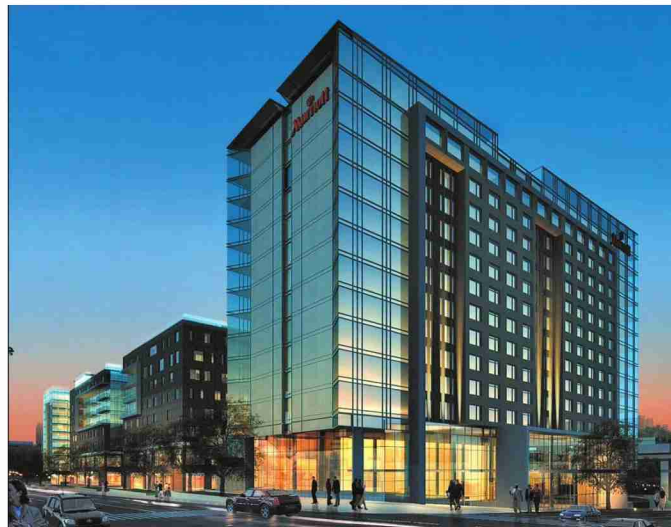
expertise.

In addition to the hotel, the Capitol district is to include 225 apartments, about 140,000 square feet of office space and 90,000 square feet of retail space for restaurants, shops and entertainment.

The Marriott is part of the first phase of the 5.4-acre Capitol district project. Construction was delayed another week — now scheduled to start June 22 — to allow for College World Series fans to park on the site.

Shamrock has said it wants all parts of the district to open together in spring 2017.

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Marcus Hotels & Resorts has been selected to manage the new Capitol District Marriott hotel currently under development at Capitol Avenue and 10th Street.

