

THE HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS—A DOUBLETREE HOTEL, PROVIDES STYLISH AFFORDABILITY IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

New hotel combines sophisticated warmth and up-to-the-minute technology in a chic restoration of the historic Midland Building

Minneapolis, Minn. (February 2009) –The Hotel Minneapolis has established a new niche in downtown Minneapolis lodging since welcoming its first guests in mid-2008. Located in the stylishly-restored 1906 Midland Building at the corner of 4th Street South and 2nd Avenue South in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, this chic, contemporary new member of the Doubletree family of hotels combines the historic building's classic elegance with state-of-the-art technology. The affordably high-style, high-tech property includes wi-fi in all 222 rooms, as well as throughout the hotel's meeting spaces, dining areas and fabulous, marble-columned LB (a.k.a. The Lobby-Bar). The Hotel Minneapolis and the adjacent restaurant Max are connected to the Minneapolis skyway system and are just steps away from Light Rail Transit, offering hotel guests convenient connections to the airport and downtown destinations.

"We're right in the heart of the city, and everyone on The Hotel Minneapolis staff is inspired by the opportunity that the location gives us to welcome locals and travelers alike," notes Brian Schmechel, General Manager for The Hotel Minneapolis. "There's no other hotel in the downtown area with our combination of affordable style, to-the-moment technology and innovation, top-notch service, and casual, sophisticated comfort. It's a niche that appeals to on-the-go professionals and leisure travelers alike."

Accommodations and Amenities

The Hotel Minneapolis offers 222 well-appointed guest rooms and suites that boast a long list of must-have amenities. Each room is equipped with the hotel's hallmark of cool, efficient technology, including wireless and wired high-speed Internet service, flat screen TVs, MP3 player docking stations, and remote printing capabilities. All rooms include Doubletree's luxurious Sweet Dreams beds and signature luxury linens, rainfall showers, premium bath products, and plush, cozy towels for a perfect escape from a busy schedule. When they are not out enjoying the hotel's prime downtown location, guests at The Hotel Minneapolis also enjoy many amenities such as: the 24-hour Fitness Center on the 10th floor; a Business Center; in-room Dining and wireless HSIA in all public areas.

The LB

The Hotel Minneapolis' LB, it's fabulous, 23,000-square-foot lobby, provides a warm, inviting respite for hotel guests and downtown residents alike. Punctuated by century-old, 18-foot-tall, white marble columns, the restored space is furnished with sleek area lighting and a cool, comfy array of seating areas just right for meeting, lounging, getting together, or getting away.

Experience the beautiful and dynamic LB that quickly transforms itself into one of Minneapolis's premier event spaces for large group events and weddings. The hotel offers exquisite catering services, the area's finest meeting and event spaces, state-of-

the-art technology and support, and a professional staff who will passionately see to even the smallest detail.

Cool Cuisine

In addition to the in-room dining options, The Hotel Minneapolis offers two exquisite food and beverage venues. The LB offers a Doubletree signature breakfast buffet of warm and cold options daily for hotel guests. The LB also welcomes late afternoon and evening guests to gather around its pool table or enjoy happy hour service of distinctive cocktails, beverages, and an innovative menu of light fare Monday through Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.

restaurant Max, located adjacent to The Hotel Minneapolis, is open daily for lunch and dinner, offering Lifestyle Cuisine. Lifestyle Cuisine at restaurant Max means providing the guest with the dining experience they are looking for at that moment: food, portions and beverages that support your situation, a business lunch, a dinner celebration, a time to share with friends, a lovely meal alone, each experience featuring flavorful, fresh menu selections. Guests love restaurant Max's innovative yet approachable style as they relax in an atmosphere that is fresh and creative and enjoy an attitude that is warm and welcoming. The full menu includes: appetizers, grilled flatbreads, salads, hot and cold sandwiches, pasta, risotto, fish, seafood, poultry, meats, Max Specials of the Week, and desserts. restaurant Max houses its extensive wine selections in a neatly re-purposed bank vault, and restaurant Max's bar serves an array of original cocktails, wines, and light entrees until midnight daily.

Meetings and Groups

With 6,000-square-feet of attractive and fully-equipped meeting spaces, pre-function space, on-site catering, and a skilled staff eager to assist, The Hotel Minneapolis can accommodate groups of small and large, conference-style gatherings, classroom-style meetings, or flexible receptions for more than one hundred guests. Services for meetings include: four non-smoking meeting rooms and a board room offering flexible and private configurations; complete audio visual and production services; teleconferencing system; wireless and wired high speed internet access in all meeting/event space; valet parking; and a professional, full service meeting, event, and catering staff.

Best of Both Worlds: National Affiliations, Local Operations

The Hotel Minneapolis is a product of a partnership between Morrissey Hospitality Companies (MHC) and Hempel Properties, both based in the Twin Cities. Hempel Properties developed the hotel and MHC, which also manages The Saint Paul Hotel and a number of other well-known hotels and restaurants throughout the region, manages the day to day operations of The Hotel Minneapolis. This strong local commitment is complemented by The Hotel Minneapolis' affiliation with the Doubletree and Hilton hotel brands. Thanks to these affiliations, guests can earn HHonors points and airline miles, relax in Doubletree's signature "Sweet Dreams" beds, and savor Doubletree's warm chocolate chip cookies upon arrival.

The Hotel Minneapolis is located at 215 4th Street South in the heart of downtown Minneapolis. For reservations, rates, and more information, visit the hotel's website at www.thehotelminneapolis.com, call 1-800-222-TREE in the U.S. and Canada, or contact the hotel directly at 612.340.2000.

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