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Douglas Development Brings Hot Spots to Cool Spaces in Penn Quarter

Washington, DC – May 1, 2014 - Douglas Development Corporation announces the addition of two new tenants in DC's Penn Quarter neighborhood, Trunk Club at 525 9th Street and Mindful Restaurants' new bar concept at 600 F Street.

Trunk Club | 525 9th Street

Trunk Club, the personalized clothing service for men, has opened an in-house consultation space in DC, their third in the U.S. The new space is centrally located in Penn Quarter's F Street Historic Row above the International Spy Museum and features seven styling areas, floor-to-ceiling windows, and an unparalleled view of the city.

Trunk Club has always had great relationships with their members in Washington DC and has found that guys in the nation's capitol are some of their most loyal and savvy members. It's a unique market with a myriad of activity across political, legal, and other sectors, and these guys especially appreciate Trunk Club's convenient, high-touch personalized service.

"DC has always been on our wish list and I'm thrilled we finally launched here. I'm thrilled to meet more of our members in person and looking forward to spending a good chunk of my time here in the District," said CEO Brian Spaly.

Liquor Bar | 600 F Street

Opening soon from Ari Gejdenson, the owner of Ghibellina, Acqua al 2 and speakeasy Harold Black, will be a new liquor bar in the downstairs of the historic Oriental Building Association building.

"I am excited to be opening in a historic neighborhood that is currently reinventing itself with interesting new restaurants and bars. The OBA building is a beautiful spot and I look forward to adding to its rich history," said Owner Ari Gejdenson.

The liquor bar, will have a European hotel bar style with round leather booths and brass finishes. The bar will feature a menu of hand-crafted cocktails, as well as an extensive selection of scotch and other fine spirits, wines, and craft beers. A small food menu will also be available. The liquor bar is scheduled to open in late summer.

"Ari does it right. He's a great operator and his new bar is going to be awesome," said Matthew Jemal, Douglas Development Senior Vice President.

"We're proud to continue to bring new and unique businesses like Trunk Club and Mindful Restaurants' bar to our historic properties in DC's Penn Quarter neighborhood," said Douglas Development.

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Trunk Club is a personalized clothing service for men, offering designer clothing to customers without any of the hassles of shopping in stores or online. Men tell stylists their style, fit, and size preferences, and the stylists ship them a handpicked selection of clothes. Members keep only what they want and send the rest back with a pre-paid shipping label. All shipping is free and there are no fees for the service. Based in Chicago's rapidly growing startup scene, the company is led by CEO Brian Spaly. Prior to Trunk Club, Brian founded men's online retailer Bonobos while a student at Stanford Business School. Visit www.trunkclub.com to learn more and sign up.

This will be **Ari Gejdenson's** seventh venture in the industry. Gejdenson opened his first restaurant, Ari's Diner, in Florence while playing professional soccer in Italy. He brought his passion for Italian food back to his hometown, Washington DC, opening the popular Tuscan eatery, Acqua al 2, in Capitol Hill. Along with his Mindful Restaurants team, including wife Stacy, and partner Ralph Lee, Gejdenson operates Harold Black, a no-standing-room cocktail bar located directly above Acqua al 2, and Ghibellina, the popular Logan Circle gastropub. In addition to the liquor bar, Mindful Restaurants is targeting a September date for the opening of Sotto, a cocktail bar located beneath Ghibellina.

Douglas Development Corporation, a fully integrated real estate company, is among the largest private property owners in the Washington, DC region. The company has completed more than 180 successful redevelopment projects and is a leading force in the revitalization of the District of Columbia. Currently, Douglas Development owns and manages more than 8 million square feet of real estate and has more than 4 million square feet of developable property in the pipeline. Founded by Douglas Jemal in 1985, the company has a passion to preserve and redevelop historic buildings including iconic properties like the Woodward & Lothrop flagship building, Chinatown's historic row across from the Verizon Center and the Hecht Warehouse District. For more information about the company visit us online at: www.DouglasDevelopment.com