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Iconic InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza unveils a beautiful new look and an enticing French-infused brasserie

KANSAS CITY, MO – After standing majestically over the Kansas City's famed Country Club Plaza since 1972, and serving as a frequent host to celebrities, sports legends and dignitaries, the grand four-diamond hotel known today as the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza has undergone a complete fashion makeover and is preparing to introduce a bold new, French-infused dining destination called "American Slang Modern Brasserie."

The grand lobby, guest rooms, suites, baths and public areas inside the 371-room hotel at "Kansas City's best address" – Ward Parkway at Wornall – have been transformed by the recent \$16 million-plus renovation. The iconic hotel is operated by TPG Hotels & Resorts, the award-winning management and hotel development affiliate of the Procaccianti Companies.

"The InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza has taken on a whole new vitality and energy," said General Manager Don Breckenridge. "The look and feel of the hotel has been elevated to reflect a more understated and sophisticated elegance, while retaining a welcoming and inviting feeling, through the use of a significantly lighter palette and materials that look and feel luxurious."

Breckenridge said the change in style was inspired by the local flavor and diversity of Kansas City, as well as the DNA of the InterContinental brand. Following an un-announced inspection in early June, AAA awarded the renovated InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza a four-diamond rating. Fewer than five percent of the hotels in the United States earn such a distinction.

American Slang Modern Brasserie

Historically a popular gathering place for business meals and meetings and leisure dining, the hotel is set to introduce, on June 30, "American Slang Modern Brasserie," a bright and airy modern brasserie that will feature French cuisine with a twist under the creative influence of Executive Chef Drue Kennedy. Kennedy comes to the InterContinental from Seasons 52 where he served as Executive Chef. Previously, he had a



successful culinary career that has garnered kudos from diners at The Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence, KS., Zocalo, and Grand Street Café on the Plaza.

Designed by acclaimed New York designer David Ashen of Dash Design, the entirely remodeled, playfully designed upscale café atmosphere boasts large black and white check flooring, bright white subway tiles, marble and brass appointments, light-colored, refined, white-washed wood finishes with pops of color and alligator upholstery. Plus, abstract murals resembling French graffiti, as well as a traditional brasserie table.

Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, American Slang's menu adds a slightly American twist and presentation to traditional French favorites, with innovative interpretations of classical French items enriched with products created by farmers and purveyors throughout the Midwest.

Some of Executive Chef Drue Kennedy's personal favorites include: Vanilla-Battered French Toast and Omelette du Fromage (slang translation "The Big Cheese") for breakfast; Tuna Salad, Beet & Butter Lettuce Salad and French Dip for lunch, and Trout Meuniere Amandine and Coquilles St. Jacques – with one of his signature cocktails – for dinner. American Slang will feature a 35-seat bar, offering tastes of more than 60 craft beers and a host of signature cocktails.

"The introduction of American Slang Modern Brassiere and its exciting new concept is the final piece in unveiling the transformation of the iconic InterContinental hotel," said Breckenridge. "Hotel guests and the local community will enjoy the new twist on modern classics along with the expanded bar concept and contemporary vibe. It really is an energetic new look and feel."

The new restaurant will open June 30, 2017 for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hotel valet parking will be offered to American Slang diners at no charge.

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