



**WITH DEBUT OF THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL, AN AFFINIA HOTEL,
D.C. GETS A DOSE OF AFFINIA STYLE AND COMFORT**

***Highlights include striking contemporary design,
commissioned artwork and playful political references***

Washington, D.C. – ***The Liaison Capitol Hill, An Affinia Hotel***, at 415 New Jersey Avenue NW, opened on April 1, 2008, following a renovation worth over 12 million dollars. Maximizing its prime Capitol Hill location, the 343-room hotel – the closest to Capitol Hill – infuses the neighborhood with a sophisticated urban attitude. Provocative politically-inspired artwork commissioned especially for the hotel; a destination restaurant, *Art and Soul*, by celebrated chef Art Smith; and modern social spaces designed to support guests' desire to make connections and stay connected are among the hotel's innovative and contemporary features. Managed by Denihan Hospitality Group (DHG) under the company's Affinia brand umbrella, the hotel joins the expanding Affinia brand, with locations in New York and Chicago.

“Like its sister properties, which are known for providing guests with customized experiences such as fitness, tranquility and location, The Liaison features Affinia's newest *cityscape* experience, which offers guests an urban escape centering around a convivial lobby that flows seamlessly into the restaurant and bar areas, affording different opportunities for social interaction,” said Dani Elhachem, general manager for The Liaison Capitol Hill.

The hotel features a range of Affinia-branded services and amenities, including the signature Affinia bed and six-choice pillow menu. In keeping with its *cityscape* experiences, The Liaison Capitol Hill features a seasonal rooftop pool terrace as one of its distinguishing features.

Design

Designed by Dawson Design Associates of Seattle, the hotel's monochromatic design scheme, executed in shades of black, white and grey, provides a contemporary backdrop for the hotel's provocative art program. Ranging from compelling to controversial, the art installations further illustrate the hotel's prime D.C. location. Two well-known contemporary artists, painter Randy Slack and photographer Wayne Takenaka, created the evocative collections, which are designed to spark conversation and contemplation. Slack's works showcase some of history's most renowned political leaders in six-foot-by-six-foot oil paintings, while Takenaka's lens captures the polished political player of D.C. legend and lore in a series of original gallery-style photographic prints.

Each of the 343 guest rooms have a contemporary, residential atmosphere with modern lighting, furnishings, custom Affinia bed, CD alarm clock with MP3 capability, 37" LCD TVs and jack packs that allow guests to connect gaming devices, digital video and sound devices to the TV, enabling them to do business via web conference in the privacy of their guest room. Adding to the residential feel, the rooms feature signature design pieces such as stainless steel rail lighting over mohair-inset headboards and serpentine-shape chaise lounges with ottomans. Above the desk/dresser console, a glass inset depicting presidential greets adds a definitive D.C. detail. A significant investment has been made to install a state-of-the-art, centralized heating, cooling and air ventilation plant to provide an in-room temperature control system that will ensure guest comfort, enhance service and conserve energy.

The Restaurant and Bar

In late summer, Art Smith, two-time James Beard Award recipient and owner of the top-rated TABLE fifty two in Chicago, will make its D.C. debut with the opening of The Liaison's highly anticipated destination restaurant, *Art and Soul*. The restaurant will seat 221 guests indoors and on an outdoor patio. A design extension of the lobby and bar areas, the restaurant features built-in conversation areas, contemporary lighting, 16-foot rolling glass walls and stainless steel curtains to create an atmosphere of stylish urban sophistication. The hotel also offers in-room dining from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

D.C. Experience

The Liaison Capitol Hill's staff has the inside scoop on everything D.C. has to offer, allowing guests to discover the ins and outs of the nation's capital. Services include Affinia Experience kits, three stay-enhancing "kits" to help guests get the most out of their D.C. visit. The trio includes a StayFit Kit (featuring yoga mat, weights, work-out bands), BYOB Kit (featuring neoprene wine carrier, picnic blanket, BYOB guide to D.C. restaurants) and Walking Tour Kit (featuring pre-loaded iPod nano or shuffle, city walking guide, pedometer).

Services & Amenities

The hotel offers several services and amenities to meet the needs of each guest, including:

- A six-choice pillow menu, allowing guests to select their preferred pillow choice for best launching into their world of dreams. Pillow options include Buckwheat, Down, Hypo-Allergenic, Magnetic Therapy, Sound, and Swedish Memory
- The signature "Affinia Bed" covered with a down comforter wrapped in luxurious triple sheeting
- Wireless, high-speed Internet in public spaces and guest rooms
- 24-hour Fitness Center
- 24-hour Business Center
- Non-alcoholic welcome drink on arrival

- A rotating library of best-selling books for guests to borrow during their stay
- SPAffinia™ will offer a selection of in-room spa treatments from massages and facials to manicures and pedicures, to help guests relax
- Jet Set Pets and Jet Set Kids, featuring special amenities and services
- TravelSmart™, with services such as paperless check-out, pre-printed boarding passes and 24/7 tech butlers
- Airline Restriction Relief, offering full-range of airline-approved sizes of toiletries and other travel necessities free of charge
- Affinia Fresh, creating a fresh environment

Meetings

The hotel's enhanced meeting rooms are a major draw to the property, featuring a combined 10,000 square feet of flexible meeting space comprising a total of 10 rooms. The first floor features the 4,400-square-foot Metropolitan Ballroom that can be divided into three rooms and accommodates up to 500 theater-style or for receptions. The second floor meeting space has transitioned into three state-of-the-art executive boardrooms, each with LCD TVs, kitchenette and a private powder room. Pre-function space features large, dramatic artwork and new, more contemporary lighting. All meeting, event and public space has been specially outfitted with luxurious Bose® sound systems with digital room controls for maximum customization options. Additionally, all rooms have enhanced temperature controls. A fully equipped business center provides all manner of business services for traveling executives.

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