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**City of Palm Springs to Celebrate Groundbreaking of New Andaz Hotel  
on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in Downtown**

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Adding to an exciting line-up of ultra-cool new hotels coming to Palm Springs, Mayor Steve Pougnet, the City Council and the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce invite the entire community to come celebrate the groundbreaking of a new Andaz Hotel, an affiliate of the Hyatt brand, on **Wednesday, Dec. 2** in downtown.

The groundbreaking, slated for 2 p.m. at the project site on the corner of Alejo Road and Palm Canyon Drive, will feature remarks from Pougnet and property developer Lawrence Rael.

The new 150-room, 13-suite luxury lifestyle hotel will be built as a collection of small buildings and guestroom bungalows surrounding two outdoor pools and garden areas in an elevated patio terrace, offering panoramic views of the majestic San Jacinto Mountains and the city.

“Palm Springs has once again become increasingly influential as an entertainment, arts and recreation destination in Southern California and we are excited to introduce the Andaz brand to the Coachella Valley,” said Graeme Rael, Principal of Rael Development Corporation. “We felt this brand was the perfect fit for the community as it is a design-oriented, eco-conscious brand with a service model that is personal and uncomplicated.”

The new Andaz Palm Springs plans to open in late 2016 – and coupled with the opening of a nearby Kimpton Hotel, the project is certain to play a huge role in the ongoing revitalization of downtown Palm Springs.

“The City of Palm Springs is beyond thrilled to welcome the Hyatt Corporation and the Andaz brand to downtown,” said Pougnet. “Thanks to millions of dollars invested over the past five years in hotel renovations, incentive programs and increased branding and marketing efforts, Palm Springs is once again one of the hippest, most happening resort destinations in the country. The new Andaz Palm Springs perfectly complements our city’s ultra-cool vibe and collection of uniquely original and stylish hotels.”

To view the hotel project page, visit [www.andazpalm Springs.com](http://www.andazpalm Springs.com).

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