<u>Congress Squared at Westin Portland Harborview Launches</u> <u>Mondays Matter for Portland Area Non-Profits</u>

PORTLAND, Maine (January 26, 2016) - - - At the Westin Portland Harborview, Mondays are more than just the start of the work week. Mondays Matter.

Every Monday, five percent of the food sales in the hotel's <u>Congress Squared</u> restaurant will be donated to a Maine non-profit that has been designated to receive a month of Mondays' proceeds.

"There are so many worthy causes in our state, and we wanted to find a way to support them that did not require a lot of work on their part," said Jeffery Burrell, general manager. "Portlanders love their local restaurant scene, so with Mondays Matter, they can support local non-profits by doing something they already do – dine out. It's a win/win for everyone."

The first six beneficiaries are:

- February: Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA)
- March: Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland
- April: Maine Farmland Trust
- May: Maine Public Broadcasting Network
- June: Equality Maine
- July: Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine

"We chose partners that reflect some of the values of our hotel brand and are close to our hearts." said Burrell. "Our brand emphasizes wellness in all of its iterations, especially eating well. Supporting organic farmers, the preservation of farmland and ensuring quality food for all are natural fits for us. We are a pet friendly hotel and appreciate that pets add tremendously to the quality of life of many. We know that diversity and a vibrant cultural life contribute to the

overall well-being of the community. We intend to share the bounty so that it touches as many

people as possible."

"Our new small plates menu celebrates the tremendous variety of Maine-made, locally

harvested and grown products," said Brian Anderson, executive chef. "We work very closely

with local farmers, fishermen and other purveyors to source the ingredients served in each of the

dishes on the Congress Squared menu. Launching Mondays Matter by supporting MOFGA, is

like planting a perennial garden in fertile soil. I feel sure that other organizations will be reaping

this harvest for a long time to come."

Located in the heart of Portland's arts district at 157 High Street, the 289-room and suite

Westin Portland Harborview is the result of an 18-month, \$50 million renovation that

transformed a beloved, 1920s era grand dame into the city's most elegant hotel. For additional

information, please go to www.westinportlandharborview.com.

About Congress Squared

Congress Squared, (C2) located in the historic Westin Portland Harborview Hotel offers a dining experience as original as Portland itself. Our locally inspired menu made for sharing, and warm style of service places the emphasis on the guest's preference, not the kitchen's convenience. Our name is our location and our motivation. Congress Squared. Exponentially

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OpenTable.

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