

UPTOWN UPDATE

GRANDUCA BRINGS ELEGANCE, CHARM OF THE OLD WORLD TO HOUSTON

Situated across the street from **Uptown Park**, **Hotel Granduca** is a new luxury boutique hotel that gives visitors another reason to enjoy this charming European-inspired area of Houston.

Owner Giorgio Borlenghi, the mind behind this exquisite hotel, has worked hard to ensure that guests of Hotel Granduca experience a new style of hospitality unmatched by any other Houston hotel.

Featuring 130 suites ranging in size from 425 to 2,100 square feet, the six-story hotel provides an unfilled need in the Houston lodging market – a premier condominium-style hotel with many five-star features. The luxury hotel offers separate living, dining and sleeping areas, a fully-equipped kitchen and walk-in closets. The hotel provides a relaxed homey feel for out-of-town guests, catering to international and business travelers, visitors to the Medical Center, VIP guests, and area residents. For Houstonians wanting to experience **luxury** and **first class hospitality** on special occasions, Hotel Granduca also offers weekend packages for Valentine's Day and other holidays throughout the year.



Borlenghi's Hotel Granduca is guaranteed to suit the needs of the most discerning guest. The hotel features



a well-appointed meeting facility, an extensive exercise room and a comfortable morning room with an exterior pool-side veranda for complimentary continental breakfast. Hotel Granduca also provides a finely stocked and relaxing lounge, Club Malatesta, which is open to guests of the hotel and exclusive members of Club Malatesta.

For more information visit www.granducahouston.com or call **713.418-1000**.

OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Uptown Houston's residential and office markets are soaring. At the fall RealShare Houston real estate conference, experts commented...

"Uptown has had a reinvention with all of the recent residential activity. This area will do well because it creates more for people to do after work besides just go home."

— Mark Cover
Executive Vice President
Hines Interests

"The Uptown office market is full for the first time in 20 years and has seen a true come-back."

— Tim Relyea
Vice Chairman
Cushman & Wakefield

UPTOWN HOUSTON, TXDOT CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF NEW, LUSH GREEN SPACE

On Friday, December 8, the **Texas Department of Transportation**, the **Uptown Houston District** and invited guests celebrated the **greening of the West Loop** at **Hidalgo Park**.

Uptown Houston enhanced the area's garden district environment with the creation of Hidalgo Park and lined its West Loop corridor with more than 5,000 trees, 6,500 shrubs and 15,000 ground cover plants. The greening project was made possible by a \$3.5 million grant from TxDOT.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mary Catherine Farrington Miller is the owner of Tanglewood Corporation. She holds a degree in History from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, attended Rice University and received her MBA from Houston Baptist University.



Mary Catherine has made great contributions through volunteer work at her church, St. John the Divine, as well as through her involvement in the education field. She has served on the Vestry at church, and held positions on the St. John's School Board, the Headmaster Search Committee for The Episcopal High School, and the University of Houston Foundation.

In recent years, Mary Catherine has served on the boards of the Houston Symphony Society and the Neuhaus Education Center. In addition, she has been a docent at Bayou Bend for 19 years, and served as Chairman of the 1992 Theta Charity Antique Show. One activity that has been most meaningful is her participation on the Board of the Friends of Fondren Library. Mary Catherine was appointed to the Uptown Houston District Board of Directors November 27, 2006.



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