

# UPTOWN UPDATE

## RISTORANTE CAVOUR GIVES ITALIAN FARE A FRENCH TWIST



The elegant **Hotel Granduca** recently opened its first signature restaurant, **Ristorante Cavour**. Under the direction of highly-acclaimed executive chef, **David Denis**, Ristorante Cavour features unique Northern Italian cuisine with a French accent. This intimate restaurant resonates the old-world Tuscan feel with warm colors, flickering candlelight and antique paintings that grace the walls.

**Ristorante Cavour**, serving lunch and dinner, is located in Hotel Granduca on Uptown Park Boulevard. For more information, please visit [www.granducahouston.com](http://www.granducahouston.com).

## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

A bird's-eye view reveals the construction site of the future mixed-use **BLVD Place**. As sections of the old Pavilion come down, current tenants like **Hermes** and **Americas** remain open for business.



## UPTOWN HOUSTON HOTEL LEADER

Uptown Houston continues to lead the hotel market in the Greater Houston area. The 2007 totals show that **Uptown's revenue per available room** (RevPAR) was the highest in the Houston region, increasing from \$97.93 in December 2006 to **\$103.12** in December 2007.

In addition, Uptown Houston's hotel occupancy saw a slight rise and the **average daily rate** climbed from \$138.42 to **\$145.40**.

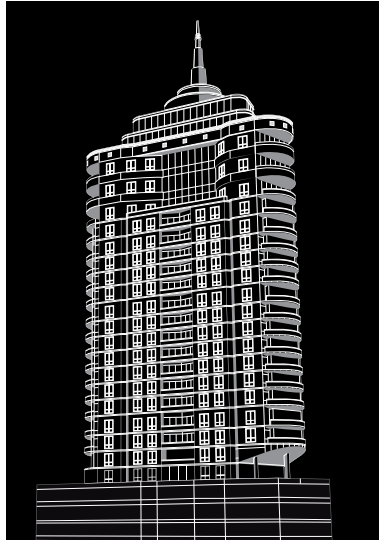


## RETAIL NEWS

**GAP Body** recently opened in The Galleria IV and other fashion boutiques will soon follow suit.

**Valentino** is slated to make its home in the Galleria and open in December 2008. Valentino will occupy the current Chanel space, and Chanel will move to the current YSL location. YSL will relocate to the Bernini spot, next to Jimmy Choo.

Couture designer **Adeline Sung** is saving the Earth one thread at a time. With her new women's clothing line, Green by Adeline, she's combined her passion for fashion and her desire to make wise, eco-friendly choices. Sung's new line uses fabrics that have limited environmental impact, including 100 percent organic materials such as bamboo and wood pulp. You can visit Sung's new boutique, **Green by Adeline**, at 5136 Richmond Avenue in the Plaza on Richmond center or go to their web site at [www.greenbyadeline.com](http://www.greenbyadeline.com).



## RESIDENTIAL NEWS

### TITAN

**Randall Davis** has opened a sales center for the future construction of **Titan**, a 26-story condominium tower on Post Oak Boulevard at the current site of McDonald's. Homes in this 80-unit development will range in price from the upper \$400,000's to \$3 million. McDonald's will relocate to the south end of the property. For more information, please visit [www.randalldavis.com](http://www.randalldavis.com).

### ALOFT HOTEL

**AmREIT** and **Songy Partners LLC**, two commercial real estate firms recently broke ground on **aloft Hotel**, a new genre under the Starwood Hotels and **Resorts Worldwide** umbrella. The 10-story, 153 room hotel will feature guest lofts with nine-foot ceilings and oversized windows. Located at the corner of **Westheimer** and **Yorktown**, aloft Hotel will also offer a sleek, hip cocktail bar, indoor pool, fitness center and wireless Internet accessibility. The hotel is set to open in summer 2009.



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