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TOP DENVER RESTAURATEUR TROY GUARD EXPANDS TO HOUSTON WITH AWARD-WINNING STEAKHOUSE

Guard and Grace to open in downtown Houston's newly reimagined Allen Center

March 20, 2018 [Houston, TX] – Brookfield Properties and Troy Guard, Chef and Owner of Denver's restaurant empire, TAG Restaurant Group, are excited to announce Guard's first venture outside of Denver, which is scheduled to open in summer 2019. Located in Brookfield's One Allen Center in the heart of downtown Houston's central business district, Guard will bring his award-winning modern American steakhouse, [Guard and Grace](#), into the 13,000-square-foot bi-level space.

"We chose to bring Guard and Grace to Houston because, similarly to Denver when we opened the first location, the city has this passion and energy that's just contagious - we're really excited to become a part of that," Guard shares. "The relationship we have with Brookfield continues to be so successful and collaborative that it was a natural fit when we made the decision to open up outside of Denver."

Guard and Grace's concept goes far beyond the traditional steakhouse and will be a great addition to Houston's bustling culinary scene. The Denver location opened in 2014 on the street level of the Brookfield building, 1801 California, in the downtown business center. The overwhelming response from locals and travelers alike supports Guard and Grace's reputation as one of the nation's top steakhouses. TAG Restaurant Group's eclectic roster of restaurants includes eight different concepts ranging from Mexican cuisine to breakfast fare to burger bars and more – all inspired by Guard's time spent living and traveling around the globe.

"Chef Guard had many choices on where to expand the Guard and Grace brand, so we're thrilled that he chose the newly reimagined Allen Center as home to his first out-of-state concept," said Travis Overall, Executive Vice President and Head of the Texas Region for Brookfield Properties. "The decision to bring Guard and Grace to Allen Center speaks to the unprecedented growth and change seen on this side of downtown and at Allen Center, and perfectly aligns with Brookfield's focus on *placemaking*. We are excited to embark on this partnership and bring this new upscale, signature dining experience to our tenants and the Houston community."

Brookfield recently completed the first phase of the multi-million dollar [Reimagining of Allen Center](#) renovation, that included the transformation of One Allen Center's lobby into a modern, mixed-use, two-story glass façade; a re-clad skybridge; and the signature piece of the project, a complete re-envisioning of the exterior landscaping into a vibrant one-acre greenspace, named "The Acre." Guard and Grace will be housed in One Allen Center's new "glass box," featuring unobstructed views overlooking The Acre's central lawn. The bi-level space will include a full bar, multiple private dining rooms, as well as two outdoor seated patios where guests can dine on The Acre greenspace.

Nick Hernandez, Crystal Allen and Chace Henke of Transwestern's Houston Retail Services Group represented Brookfield Properties in the transaction. TAG Restaurant Group was represented by Troy Guard.

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ABOUT TROY GUARD / TAG RESTAURANT GROUP

Troy Guard is the Chef/Owner of Denver-based **TAG Restaurant Group**. Guard has a distinct multicultural style developed throughout his career working in acclaimed kitchens such as New York hotspot TAO, Doc Cheng's in Singapore, Roy's in Hawaii, and the award-winning Latin-Asian fusion restaurant, Zengo. His flagship restaurant, **TAG**, brings to life Guard's vision of "Continental Social Food" – a combination of his Hawaiian roots, his Pan-Asian expertise, and fresh, local Colorado ingredients. Other concepts include **Los Chingones** ("badass" Mexican), **bubu** (quick-casual), **TAG Burger Bar** (imaginative, handcrafted burgers), **Guard and Grace** (modern American steakhouse), **Mister Tuna** (American eclectic), **HashTAG** (breakfast/brunch) and **FNG** (neighborhood wood-fired eatery).

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