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OPENED FEB. 3

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES

Rooms: 168 guest rooms and 34 suites featuring separate living and entertainment areas.

Features: A small business center and a dining area where free breakfasts are served daily.

Also has a newly reopened TGI Friday's.

Average room rate: \$140.



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OPENED THURSDAY

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Rooms: 297 on 15 floors.

Features: A lobby "GoBoard" screen shows weather, news and local events. A Bistro restaurant and bar and Starbucks coffee shop cater to guests and the public.

Average room rate: \$159 a night.



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OPENED THURSDAY

SPRINGHILL SUITES

Rooms: 156 suites on 15 floors.

Features: Guests get a complimentary hot breakfast. Suites include a pantry area that includes a small fridge, sink and microwave.

Average room rate: \$149.

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Opening of Courtyard by Marriott and SpringHill Suites brings needed capacity

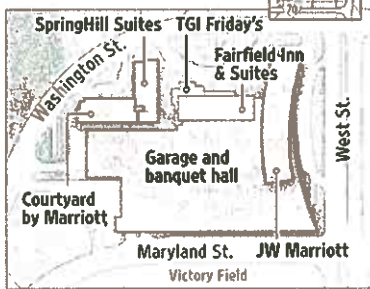
Three of the four hotels at the Marriott Place complex Downtown are now open, just in time for Final Four and Big Ten tournament basketball fans.

The interconnected Courtyard by Marriott and SpringHill Suites opened Thursday with a combined 453 rooms and featuring an indoor pool and exercise room as shared amenities. A full-time staff of 50 will run both hotels.

The opening comes just a few weeks before a crush of basketball fans arrives in town for the women's Big Ten Tournament from March 4 to March 7, the men's Big Ten

THE COMPLEX

- Existing building(s)
- New building(s)



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Tournament from March 11 to March 14 and the men's Final Four on April 3 and April 5.

An adjacent 168-room Fairfield Inn & Suites opened two weeks ago.

The \$450 million Marriott Place complex, at West and Washington streets, won't be complete until the 1,005-room JW Marriott tower opens in February 2011.

Developers are White Lodging of Merrillville and REI Real Estate

Services of Carmel.

The first sellout for the Courtyard and SpringHill hotels is Saturday, said Michael Kauffeld, general manager of both.

— Jeff Swiatek and David Savka



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OPENS FEBRUARY 2011

JW MARRIOTT TOWER

Rooms: 1,005 rooms, plus 55 meeting rooms and a concierge level.

Features: At 34 stories and 376 feet, it will be downtown Indianapolis' seventh-tallest structure. Opens: February 2011