

TRIBUTE PORTFOLIO

BLU-Tique Hotel, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel, opens in Akron Ohio's Historic Arts District

An Experience that Transcends Time

Akron, Ohio, June 8, 2022 — Riley Hotel Group is pleased to announce that the highly anticipated BLU-Tique Hotel will be making its debut as a Tribute Portfolio Hotel, Marriott International's newest collection of characterful independent hotels.

BLU-Tique Hotel is a one-of-a-kind destination that offers the opportunity to step back from the noise & worries of the present day and into an inspired & creative atmosphere rich with culture and character. Our modern hotel fuses iconic jazz music & art with a mid-century vibe.

Located at the corner of Main & Market in the Historic United 1 Building in the heart of Akron's Historic Arts District, it is a place where culture, art, dining, music, and diversity seamlessly blend to create an experience that transcends time.

Make your stay memorable in one of our 71 thoughtfully designed spacious rooms & suites, all with extraordinary views of downtown Akron. Our team, led by Riley Hotel Group, is committed to providing personalized service with grace and sincerity.

In the heartbeat of downtown Akron, our location is steps away from the Towpath Trail (110-mile Hike Bike Trail), the Cuyahoga Scenic Valley Railroad, and the Akron Art Museum, which is across the street from our property. Enjoy scenic views of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park from your guest room, all while being within walking distance of a plethora of entertainment venues.

BLU-Tique guests will be able to earn and redeem Marriott Bonvoy points and enjoy the advantages of Marriott Bonvoy's award-winning loyalty program during their stay.

Our top priority has always been our guests, employees, and the community's safety, health, and well-being. We have enhanced our cleaning and sanitation procedures to align with Marriott International's Commitment to Clean policy, so you can dine & sleep in a safe and comfortable environment.

Food & Beverage

It wouldn't be jazz without a cocktail in hand. Delight your palette at The 1 Food & Spirits, our on-site restaurant & lounge, with a delicious hand-crafted cocktail and thoughtfully curated menu of small plates, flatbreads, salads, and chef plates from Executive Chef Frank Zifer. Let the melody of flavors envelop you while enjoying the ambiance of a speakeasy with amazing views from the floor-to-ceiling windows.

Meetings & Events

BLU-Tique offers intimate meeting room spaces for various events, including small bridal showers, business meetings, corporate retreats, and other social events. Enjoy our intimate 12-seat United Boardroom with a view of the city or our lower-level Improv Meeting Room that accommodates up to 40 people.

Please consult our sales team for group discounts, seating layouts, catering & entertainment options. Our BLU team can also connect you with our sister venues in downtown Akron to craft the perfect event. Our hotel is at the center of a collection of impressive, engaging, and fun local businesses such as Blu Jazz+ Nightclub, Musica, Hophouse, Baxter's SpeakEasy, Totally Baked Pizza, Lock 15, and Trailhead Events. To schedule a private tour or discuss an upcoming event, contact our sales team at sales@blu-tique.com or at 330.983.4905 / 844.943.1335 to inquire about your next event.

The BLU Zone - Come for the Food. Stay for the Music. Stay for the Night.

BLU-Tique Hotel is part of the BLU Zone family, a collective ensemble of independent venues harmonically linked through the language of Jazz, rhythm, and blues. As with the history of Jazz, the BLU ZONE is constantly evolving, expanding, and changing the way we celebrate the arts. The BLU Zone is a place that allows for spontaneity & improvisation. As a premier destination, Akron will enable visitors to enjoy a perfectly unique and memorable night out by providing a premier destination for live Jazz, fine food, spirits, and hospitality.

We look forward to sharing the BLU experience and adventures it will create with our guests.

For more information about BLU-Tique Hotel, please visit the <u>hotel's website</u>. For more information about Tribute Portfolio Hotels, please visit <u>www.TributePortfolio.com</u>.

About Riley Hotel Group

Riley Hotel Group manages BLU-Tique Hotel. You may learn more about this exciting project and other ventures by contacting Joe Moffa, president of Riley Hotel Group, at (330) 590-8041, via email at jmoffa@rileyhg.com, or by visiting Riley's website at rileyhotelgroup.com. Stay in tune: www.blu-tique.com, Instagram, and Facebook.

About Tribute Portfolio

Tribute Portfolio is a growing global family of characterful and independent hotels drawn together by their passion for captivating design and their drive to create vibrant social scenes for guests and locals alike.

With more than 40 hotels open and growing, Tribute Portfolio has struck a chord with those seeking independent experiences and craving a connection with the community when traveling. From boutique resorts like Inn at Rancho Santa Fe in California to urban hotels such as The Vagabond Club in Singapore, to hotels in indie-spirited locales like Noelle in Nashville and The Slaak in Rotterdam, each Tribute Portfolio hotel celebrates its individuality offering travelers a fresh, often colorful, perspective. Stay with character and stay connected: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Tribute Portfolio is proud to participate in Marriott Bonvoy, the new name of Marriott's travel program, replacing Marriott Rewards®, The Ritz- Carlton Rewards®, and Starwood Preferred Guest® (SPG). The program offers members an extraordinary portfolio of global brands, experiences on Marriott Bonvoy Moments, and unparalleled benefits, including earning points toward free hotel stays and nights toward Elite status recognition. To enroll for free or more information about the program, visit MarriottBonvoy.marriott.com.

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