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CLARION HOTEL ADDED TO MORRIS GROUP PROPERTIES

This week the Clarion Hotel at 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. returns back to Morris Group and adds to their list of hotel and entertainment properties, which also includes a Quality Inn, a Ramada Inn and the Dick Clark American Bandstand Theatre, all in Branson. Jim D. Morris and his company previously owned the Springfield Clarion Hotel from 2001-2008, when they invested \$1.4 million dollars in it before selling to Glenstone Enterprises.

Morris' attorney, Brett Roubal of Baird, Lightner, Millsap & Harpool PC, said the Morris Group worked out a voluntary turnover deal with Glenstone Enterprises allowing Morris to assume control of the hotel immediately. No money is changing hands, Roubal said, because the property was financed by Morris Group.

Morris said he hadn't planned on regaining ownership of the Clarion Hotel, but plans on assessing the property and turning it back into a top operation. "We want to give the customer value for what they pay" he said, "and we plan on providing quality rooms and services--going above and beyond the standards." He plans on making the hotel better than ever, and holds a soft spot for this Clarion and the bright future he sees for it. Morris added his belief in local owners and local business growth. "Morris Group has been in the hotel business 17 years; we know the right way to do things."

The hotel and banquet hall continued operations as usual during the exchanging of ownership, and all of the hotel's employees will keep their jobs.

Jim D. Morris is a well-known local businessman who started in the oil industry before branching out into hospitality. His successful business ventures have allowed his operations to continually expand and given him the opportunity to generously donate to multiple charities and humanitarian efforts.

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