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Groundbreaking celebration kicks-off restoration of New Jersey's historic Natirar Mansion

Revitalized luxury event center including new ballroom set for June 2017 debut



Peapack-Gladstone, NJ – Oct. 5, 2016 – Local leaders and influencers gathered at [Natirar](#) in the Somerset Hills of New Jersey on Sept. 28, 2016 to ceremoniously launch a large-scale renovation initiative for the historic mansion. The restoration project will return the 1912 Tudor to its original grandeur, complemented by a new ballroom event center. Set to debut June 2017, Natirar's transformation will make it the region's most exclusive retreat for weddings, galas and important meetings.

High-resolution event photographs are available via: <http://bit.ly/2dGPhuV>.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

1. Set within a 500-acre estate in New Jersey's Somerset Hills, Natirar Mansion is undergoing a full-scale restoration that will include the addition of a new ballroom event center, set to debut June 2017.
2. Natirar Founder Bob Wojtowicz welcomes local New Jersey dignitaries to the mansion, including from left, Mayor William Muller of Peapack and Gladstone and Mayor Paul Vallone of Far Hills.
3. Natirar's Sept. 28 groundbreaking celebration included from left, Natirar General Manager Tom Garcia, Hal Powell, Regional Vice President, Sales & Marketing

and Ellen Sinclair, Senior Vice President, Operations for BENCHMARK, a global hospitality company, Mayor William Muller of New Jersey's Peapack and Gladstone, Natirar Founder Bob Wojtowicz, Epic Management's John Epifano, Mayor Paul Vallone of New Jersey's Far Hills, MW Electrical Services' Michael Wojtowicz and ConnectOne Bank's Bob Murphy.

About Natirar

Natirar is one of the country's most bucolic retreats, set on a 500-acre estate in New Jersey's Somerset Hills. In 2017 a complete renovation to the historic Natirar Mansion will be complete, including restoration to the 1912 Tudor and the addition of a new ballroom event facility, ideal for galas, weddings and exclusive meetings. Natirar already boasts one of New Jersey's most acclaimed restaurants, Ninety Acres, built in the estate's restored carriage house, which includes a cooking school, a private club and a 12-acre farm. Secluded, yet easily accessible, the Natirar estate is less than an hour from New York City and 90 minutes from Philadelphia. BENCHMARK, a global hospitality company, is Natirar's management and operating partner. www.natirar.com

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