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Huntsville gets first Alabama Westin

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The first Westin Hotel in Alabama has opened in Huntsville.

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., owners of the Westin brand, and O&S Holdings LLC opened the hotel last weekend in Huntsville's Bridge Street Town Centre at Cummings Research Park, the second largest technology park in the nation.

The developer of downtown Birmingham's entertainment district The Forge, John Elkington, has said he is pressing Starwood Hotels to building a Westin hotel in his project, with at least 153 rooms.

Starwood already has committed to build a 147-room Aloft hotel in the development.

Starwood also owns the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel in downtown and other Sheraton hotels in Huntsville and Tuscaloosa.

Elkington said earlier this week that construction on The Forge could begin in the next 60 days.

The Westin Huntsville also has 74 residential condominiums on the top six floors, as well a nearly 8,000-square-foot ballroom and a nearly 1,000-square-foot boardroom.

Bridge Street's 550,000-square-foot retail component is complete and its office component is still under construction. Companies housed in the technology park include Boeing, Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin.

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