

The Peninsula on the Southbank hosts Mayor Peyton and Chinese delegation

Jacksonville, Fla. (Aug. 12, 2008) – The Peninsula on the Southbank's 38th floor Apogee Lounge recently was the backdrop for a reception and dinner for Mayor John Peyton, area dignitaries and the vice mayor of Ningbo, China and his delegation. The Mayor, City Council members, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, JAXPORT and other city agencies hosted the delegation in late July.

Ningbo, the second largest port city in China, is a Friendship City of Jacksonville through the Sister Cities organization. The Mayor and a seven-member delegation toured Ningbo in March of this year to explore business and international trade opportunities and Jacksonville reciprocated by hosting the Ningbo delegation last month.

The Mayor and representatives of the Chamber and other area agencies met with the vice mayor of Ningbo and his delegation in The Peninsula's business center followed by a reception and dinner on the building's private residents-only rooftop club.

American Land Ventures president Granvil Tracy, The Peninsula's developer, also attended the event. "We were incredibly honored to be the host venue for the Mayor and the Ningbo delegation. It is exciting that Jacksonville is increasing its visibility internationally and exploring additional economic development opportunities," said Tracy, who resides in South Florida. "Jacksonville is a progressive city with so much to offer; that's one of the many reasons we selected it for our project."

Guests enjoyed the spectacular views of Jacksonville – the best in the city – from the Apogee Lounge's glass walls and large outdoor decks. "We were awed by the response we received that night on our finished product. It was the first time the Mayor had toured The Peninsula since it officially opened," added Tracy. "His response – and the kind words from other attendees – really reinforced our belief that The Peninsula is a world-class project that is the perfect addition to the Jacksonville skyline."

Located on the city's Southbank adjacent to upscale and historic San Marco, The Peninsula is currently the city's tallest residential tower at 38 stories. With 234 residences that begin on the 10th floor, each home commands views of the downtown skyline and the St. Johns River.

The Peninsula's amenities package also includes a state-of-the-art fitness center and health spa and an outdoor pool and sundeck area on the ninth floor. With a lounge-like ambience, the rooftop club offers spaces for individual wine and liquor storage, two outdoor terraces and a chic living room with 20' ceilings and a fireplace.

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