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Donohoe pays \$19.5M for Holiday Inn Express

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The Donohoe Cos. Inc. has bought the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield from residential developer Kettler for \$19.5 million. The deal closed Jan. 17.

The D.C.-based Donohoe said it is also putting \$3 million into renovating the lobby, refurbishing the ballroom and adding a business center and fitness room at the 194-room property at 6401 Brandon Ave. Renovations will take place this summer.

"We are positioning the hotel to be refreshed and ready to accommodate the thousands of BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure] jobs that will be relocated to the Springfield market," said **Donohoe Hospitality Services** president Chris Bruch in a statement. Donohoe Hospitality Services is the hospitality subsidiary of Donohoe.

McLean-based Kettler bought the hotel from **Springfield Hospitality LLC** for \$12 million in May 2007.

The hotel, however, was "located on the site of Kettler's mixed-use project which was withdrawn based on market conditions," Kettler said in an e-mail.

Donohoe will not only own the hotel, but Donohoe Hospitality Services will also manage it.

With this acquisition, Donohoe Hospitality Services owns nine hotels in the Washington area, and has another two under development.

The two being constructed are the \$57 million 216-room Hilton Garden Inn in Bethesda and the \$62 million 176-suite Residence Inn by Marriott near the Courthouse Metro station in Arlington. Both are expected to open next year.