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**THE CORDISH COMPANIES, LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND AND MWMCA
HOST 24th BIENNIAL MINORITY OUTREACH FAIR**

***Small, Minority and Woman-owned Businesses Connect with over 80 Major Companies and
Local Government Agencies Exhibiting at the Live! Event Center***

Hanover, MD (July 16, 2026) – Today, The Cordish Companies, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland and the Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) partnered to host the 24th biannual Minority Outreach Fair. The event welcomed small, minority and woman-owned businesses to meet and engage with large companies, government agencies and other local organizations for partnership and contracting opportunities. For over a decade, this event has helped local businesses foster their network and build new connections in addition to identifying work and locating resources.

“Our partnership with The Cordish Companies and Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland emphasizes our shared dedication to uplifting small businesses, and this fair is just one of the ways we show our support,” said Wayne Frazier, President of the MWMCA. “The event welcomes new exhibitors each year in different industries to form key connections with women- and minority-owned businesses throughout the region and take advantage of a more equitable business community.”

This Minority Outreach Fair took place at the Event Center at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland in Hanover on Thursday, July 16th, 2026, from 8am-12pm. Attendees met and networked with some of the region’s top businesses and government agencies including Baltimore City Mayor's

Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy & Development, Bowie State University, Constellation Energy, Coakley & Williams Construction (CWC), M&T Bank, Maryland Department of Labor, MedStar Health, US Small Business Administration, Washington Gas, and more. A full list of exhibitors can be found [here](#).

Sal Sciortino, Business Development Director at Leopardo Construction, expressed in his remarks the value of the event for his company as a new exhibitor. Admission to the event, parking, and exhibitor participation were all free of charge.

“Supporting our community and investing in local business owners are core Live! values,” said Zed Smith, COO, The Cordish Companies. “As proud partners of the MWMCA and its work to help small businesses thrive, we consider it an honor to host the Minority Outreach Fair twice a year at our flagship property. By providing the space and participating as an exhibitor, we are helping expand access to inclusive partnerships and further strengthen the community we serve.”

To learn more about the event, email events@mwmca.org. For information about Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, click [here](#). [Photos of the event are available here.](#)

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About Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland

The six-time AAA Four Diamond rated Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland opened in 2012 and is one of the largest and most luxurious commercial casinos in the country. Offering guests a range of activities including gaming, entertainment, world-class dining and hotel accommodations, Live! Casino & Hotel is consistently ranked the top tourist attraction in the state and was named one of the top 10 hotels in Maryland by U.S. News & World Report. Located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, and adjacent to the popular Arundel Mills Mall with free garage parking, the property features one of the area’s biggest entertainment venues, The HALL at Live!, along with Maryland’s #1 Sportsbook with partner FanDuel at USAToday Top Ten Sports Bar Sports & Social Maryland. Other amenities at one of Forbes’ top ten luckiest casinos in America include nearly 200 live action table games and 4,000 slot machines, a large Poker Room, two High Limit Rooms, and the Orchid Gaming & Smoking Patio. The award-winning hotel features 310 luxury guest rooms, the luxurious Live! Spa offering an array of rejuvenating and age-defying spa treatments and five spa level hotel suites that include private in-room treatment areas, and The Cordish Art Collection complete with more than 40 pieces of contemporary art from world-renowned artists including Andy Warhol. Multiple dining options including Zagat-rated The Prime Rib, David’s serving breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner, Luk Fu featuring an extensive Asian focused menu, traditional Vietnamese cuisine at Truong Tien Restaurant, and the County’s first Korean barbecue restaurant KOHO Korean BBQ House. Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. More information can be found [here](#).

About The Cordish Companies

The Cordish Companies' origins date back to 1910 and encompass four generations of privately held, family ownership. During the past ten decades, The Cordish Companies has grown into a global leader in Gaming & Entertainment; Commercial Real Estate; Entertainment Districts; Sports-Anchored Developments; Hotels; Residential Properties; Restaurants; Coworking Spaces; and Private Equity. One of the largest and most respected developers in the world, The Cordish Companies has been awarded an unprecedented seven Urban Land Institute Awards for Excellence for public-private developments that are of unique significance to the cities in which they are located. The Cordish Companies has developed and operates highly acclaimed dining, entertainment and hospitality destinations throughout the United States, many falling under The Cordish Companies' Live! Brand, highly regarded as one of the premier entertainment brands in the country. Welcoming over 60 million visitors per year, these developments are among the highest profile dining, entertainment, gaming, hotel and sports-anchored destinations in the country. In gaming, The Cordish Companies has developed among the most successful casino hotel resorts in the world, including the Hard Rock Hotels & Casinos in Hollywood and Tampa, FL; and the Live! Casinos & Hotels in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Virginia. Over the generations, The Cordish Companies has remained true to the family's core values of quality, entrepreneurial spirit, long-term personal relationships and integrity. As a testimony to the long-term vision of its family leadership, The Cordish Companies still owns and manages virtually every business it has created. For more information, visit www.cordish.com or follow us on X (@cordishco).

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About Md. Washington Minority Companies Association, Inc.

In 2002, Md. Washington Minority Contractors Association, Inc. (MWMCA) originated to advocate for minority and women construction trade contractors because so much work was being completed without the utilization of said firms. Eleven (11) years later, in 2013, MWMCA evolved into Md. Washington Minority Companies Association and expanded its scope of work to include all types of companies: trade contractors, suppliers, and service providers. MWMCA has a unique offering of services with one mission in mind, "Connecting Large & Small Businesses to Work Together." Please visit our website at www.mwmca.org for more information.