

New hotel Downtown

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Staff graphic

New hotel is going up near dome

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The name Best Western will join the list of Downtown lodgings when construction on a six-story, 108-room hotel is completed in March.

Construction has begun on the Best Western Hotel & Suites on the southwest corner of Missouri and South streets.

The Dora Brothers Hospitality Corp. of Anderson is developer and owner of the rising Best Western, just a block west of its 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old, 143-room Comfort Inn at 530 S. Capitol Ave.

Like their Comfort Inn, brothers Timothy J. and Robert W. Dora say

their \$8.5 million Best Western will be high quality.

"It will be the nicest Best Western in the state by a long shot," said Tim Dora. Yet, like the Comfort Inn, he said, it will have affordable rates comparable to similar-sized hotels in the suburbs.

"The quality's higher than what you'd expect," under the trademark name, he noted.

The Best Western will have an indoor pool and whirlpool, conference room, fitness center, a free 126-space surface parking lot, complimentary breakfast bar and free shuttle service.

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and Illinois. Tim Dora of Carmel and Bob Dora of Fishers own 11 and manage the two others.

They plan to begin construction in the fall on their 14th — a \$7.7 million Hilton Garden Inn at the southeast corner of U.S. 31 and 131st Street in Carmel.

The Best Western will become the

157th hotel within the Indianapolis city limits and will add to the more than 20,000 guest rooms.

"We were real happy with the success of Comfort Inn, so we wanted a site similar to that," said Tim Dora. There will be some coordination of services and operation between the two, he said.

Three old buildings were razed for the Best Western. "We could acquire the land at a reasonable price," said Tim Dora.

Another attraction, he said, was the site's proximity to the RCA Dome and Indiana Convention Center.

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