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**THE MISSNER GROUP TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON CHICAGO'S
FIRST ACURA DEALERSHIP**

(Skokie, Illinois) – The Missner Group is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected as the general contractor for the construction of the new 57,550 square foot McGrath Acura of Chicago dealership located at 1301 N. Elston in Chicago. This is the first location for Acura within the City of Chicago. The full-service general contractor plans to break ground on the construction this week.

Located along the North branch of the Chicago River, the new McGrath Acura of Chicago will be situated in what was once home to Divine Inc. Michael McGrath, owner of the McGrath family's import car dealerships acquired the property at 1301 N. Elston in 2004, and recently received permission from the city to change the zoning of the property, clearing the way for the new dealership.

The dealer's original plan involved an expansion of the current Lexus dealership at 1250 N. Elston with a new service center located at the stand-alone, 1301 location. However it made more economic sense to the McGrath's to develop a stand-alone new Acura dealership. Once the approvals were granted, the McGrath family hired The Missner Group to implement the final plan, a 47,000 square foot renovation of the existing facility and a 10,550 square foot addition.

The extensive renovations to the existing site will include the addition of a new Acura service center, parts department and car wash. The service center will feature three drive-in service lanes and 21 service bays. The Missner Group will also build-out seven private offices for the service manager and advisors. The glass-enclosed offices have been designed to look out over the service area to maximize workflow and productivity.



The Missner Group also plans to construct a 10,550 square foot addition to the facility which will include a dramatic new car showroom, service reception area and mezzanine with a catwalk. The addition will feature many state-of-the-art enhancements and high-end finishes including two towers with the iconic Acura logo, a café, a television lounge with a fire place, and a Zen room. The luxury dealership will also include a dramatic, two-story glass and metal paneled new car showroom which is accentuated by a large skylight allowing for an abundance of natural lighting and scenic views.

The Missner Group will also incorporate numerous sustainable improvements to the property including the implementation of a vegetative roof, and the utilization of permeable pavers for the parking lot. The pavers will reduce the impervious area of the project and allow for storm water management in keeping with the City of Chicago's best management practices as well as create a walkway which extends along the Chicago River to an outdoor patio and sitting area where an ornamental fence will frame the property.

“We are excited to begin work on the new Acura dealership for the McGrath family,” said Glen Missner, principal of The Missner Group. “We have completed numerous automotive projects on behalf of Mercedes Benz, Toyota and Lexus throughout the Chicagoland area, and will use our expertise in this industry and our many decades of construction experience to execute a strategic and successful plan on behalf of this reputable and esteemed dealer.”

Judd and Glen Missner are the principals overseeing the project. Jess Knigge is the firm's project executive and Drue Stoehr is the senior project manager. Balay Architects is providing the architectural services. Construction is scheduled for completion in Spring 2012.

The Missner Group, headquartered in Skokie, Illinois, provides comprehensive and integrated real estate development and construction services throughout the Chicagoland and Midwestern markets. The firm, established in 1945, has completed more than \$800 million in construction projects, and has

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