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Things Remain the Same for Ohio Club Under New Ownership

The legendary Ohio Club, located in the heart of downtown Hot Springs at 336 Central Avenue, recently changed ownership according to Amber Henson of Urban Living Development, Inc. OHIO CLUB, LLC of Hot Springs sold on Thursday, February 2 to J & S OHIO CLUB, LLC. The buyers, Saddiq and Jeannie Mir, also currently operate J&S Italian Villa at 4332 Central Avenue and Copper Penny Pub at 711 Central Avenue.

"This is my third time to represent and work with Saddiq and Jeannie," Henson said. "I am privileged to be a part of this transaction and am thrilled the Ohio Club will be in their hands. Dona has done a great job to set the stage for a smooth transfer."

Dona Pettey of OHIO CLUB, LLC will still assist the new ownership with promoting live music and performing with her band. "I'm not going anywhere. I love entertaining and will still help represent the Ohio Club," said Pettey.

Saddiq and Jeannie Mir are thrilled to be part of history. "We are humbled and honored to take over a legendary business like the Ohio Club," Mir said. "It is our goal to preserve and enhance not only the business, but the team as well."

The Ohio Club is not only popular among locals, but a destination hot spot with tourists as well. Part of the Hot Springs Central Avenue Historic District, the Ohio Club is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also considered Arkansas' oldest continually operating bar. The Ohio Club gained popularity as a meeting place for notorious mobsters such as Al Capone, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, Owen "Owney" Madden and Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

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