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**WHITE LODGING EXPANDS FOOTPRINT BY OPENING TWO NEW HOTELS IN
NORTH SUBURBAN METTAWA**

Hilton Garden Inn and Residence Inn to offer travelers premium services and amenities

METTAWA, IL (May 16, 2008) – The **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Residence Inn** will offer contemporary, affordable guestrooms that are within easy reach of both downtown Chicago and North suburban businesses and attractions. Located in Mettawa, near Lake Forest, the five-story **Hilton Garden Inn** and five-story **Residence Inn** bring together two highly-regarded hotel brands in one complex, catering to both extended stay business and leisure travelers offering the top-tier amenities guests have come to expect from Hilton and Marriott brand hotels.

White Lodging, owner and operator of the new hotels, is one of the fastest growing independent hospitality, development and management companies in the country, managing a portfolio of more than 130 mid- to large-scale hotels in seventeen states. The **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Residence Inn** are part of the company's ambitious growth plan to double in size over the next five years.

The 130-room **Residence Inn**, opening **May 16, 2008**, features Marriott's stylish design and boasts a residential feel. Studio, one- and two-bedroom suites come complete with plush bedding packages and numerous details and amenities that are ideal for the changing needs of today's traveler.

"We're incredibly excited to introduce our high standard of comfort, service and value to the Mettawa area," says General Manager Sarah Secrist, who joins the **Residence Inn** after serving as General Manager of a **Residence Inn** in Indianapolis, Ind. "The hotel offers truly unique touches and services that cater perfectly to the long-stay and leisure traveler."

Offering the warmth and comforts one expects to find in a Marriott brand hotel, amenities include complimentary “Home Touch” daily hot breakfast buffet and a nightly manager’s reception, a 24-hour business center with free wireless and high-speed Internet access, two onsite meeting spaces, onsite laundry facilities and conveniences like grocery shopping and daily housekeeping.

The hotel also participates in the Marriott Rewards frequent guest program, where members can earn their choice of points toward free vacations or frequent flyer mileage for dollars spent at Marriott hotels.

The 164-room and six-suite **Hilton Garden Inn**, opening **May 23, 2008**, features complimentary wireless Internet access in guestrooms and public space, a complimentary 24-hour business center, a 24-hour Pavilion Pantry with a selection of refrigerated, frozen and microwaveable packaged items and over 2,000 square feet of divisible meeting and banquet space that can accommodate groups of 10 to 225.

“The **Hilton Garden Inn** is conveniently located near many area attractions and corporations offering guests easy access to everything they could need,” says General Manager Michael Hunt, who most recently served as Impact General Manager for **White Lodging** before joining the **Hilton Garden Inn** team. “We compliment the growing needs of both business and leisure travelers in the Mettawa area and offer them true comforts, conveniences and services they would expect from a **Hilton Garden Inn**.”

Guest room accommodations and features include the Garden Sleep System™ bed, a 26-inch high definition flat screen television with complimentary HBO®, an easy-to-set alarm clock that allows guests to play their portable music player, a “hospitality center” that features a mini fridge, microwave oven and coffee maker and a sitting area with an easy chair and ottoman.

Business-oriented features of the rooms include an adjustable and ergonomic Herman Miller chair, a spacious and clutter-free work desk with electrical outlets at desk height, adjustable lighting and two speaker telephones equipped with data ports and voice mail.

Both hotels offer a modern fitness center, open daily, equipped with elliptical machines, a cardio theatre, lifecycles and more, as well as an enclosed swimming pool with adjoining whirlpool.

The **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Residence Inn** are close to numerous office parks such as Conway Business Park, Lincolnshire Corporate Center & Corporate Woods Business Park with major nearby corporations including HSBC, CDW, Grainger and Abbott. Area attractions are easily accessible and include Six Flags Great America & Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Gurnee Mills Premium Outlet Center, Ravinia Music Festival & Marriott Theater, Didier Farms and the Great Lakes Naval Museum.

The Residence Inn and **Hilton Garden Inn** are located 30 miles north of downtown Chicago off I-94. Individual room reservations will be available immediately, and will range from approximately \$89 to \$209 a night. For more information and to make reservations, please call the **Hilton Garden Inn** at (847) 735-8374 or the **Residence Inn** at (847) 615-2701.

ABOUT WHITE LODGING

Established in 1985 and headquartered in Merrillville, IN, **White Lodging** is a fully integrated, developer, owner and manager of premium brand hotels – a recognized leader that consistently delivers superior leading brand hotel experiences and premium returns on investment among mid-to-large scale hotels across the country. Their managed portfolio of 130 hotels in seventeen states encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Marriott; Residence Inn by Marriott; Courtyard by Marriott; Fairfield Inn &

Suites by Marriott; SpringHill Suites by Marriott; Renaissance; Sheraton; Radisson Hotels; Intercontinental Hotel Group; and Hilton. For more information about White Lodging, visit www.whitelodging.com.

ABOUT RESIDENCE INN

A leader in extended-stay lodging, **Residence Inn** offers more than 500 hotels in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico. Residence Inn participates in the company's award-winning Marriott Rewards® program, which enables members to earn their choice of points toward free vacations or frequent flyer mileage in their preferred airline program for dollars spent at more than 2,500 Marriott hotels in 56 countries.

ABOUT HILTON GARDEN INN

Hilton Garden Inn represents one of the cornerstones of the Hilton franchise growth strategy. The Hilton Garden Inn brand is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation; recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. The company develops, owns, manages or franchises more than 2,800 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties. Its portfolio includes many of the world's best known and most highly regarded hotel brands, including Hilton®, Conrad®, Doubletree®, Embassy Suites Hotels®, Hampton Inn®, Hampton Inn & Suites®, Hilton Garden Inn®, Hilton Grand Vacations™, Homewood Suites by Hilton® and The Waldorf-Astoria Collection®.

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