Choice Hotels International Opens Cambria Suites Hotel in Columbus-Polaris, Ohio

Upscale, All-Suites Brand Combines Form and Function to Meet the Needs of Today's Travelers

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Choice Hotels International today announced the grand opening of a Cambria Suites hotel in Columbus-Polaris. Designed for guests who want to take their lifestyle with them when traveling, Cambria Suites hotels feature a stylish design with guest suites 25 percent larger than standard hotel rooms. Owned and operated by American Hospitality Group, this 125-suite property is the first of its kind in central Ohio and the thirteenth Cambria Suites hotel opened nationwide. As of December 31, 2008, there are 61 Cambria Suites hotels under development in the United States and Canada.

"We are thrilled to open the first Cambria Suites hotel in central Ohio," said William Edmundson, president, Cambria Suites. "Columbus is a central hub for business and leisure travelers alike, and we're proud to offer them all the amenities they need while visiting and working in the area."

Cambria Suites hotels offer the latest in technology, from a large-screen television in the open, airy two-story lobby to two flat-screen LCD televisions, Media Hub Technology, and MP3 jacks in the guest suites and complimentary wired and wireless high-speed Internet access throughout the property.

All Cambria Suites hotels include Reflect, a casual dining and gathering area that features a full barista coffee bar and serves breakfast and dinner; Refresh, a state-of-the-art fitness center with an indoor pool and spa; and Refill, a 24-7 convenience store that stocks freshly prepared "grab 'n' go" salads and sandwiches as well as typical convenience items and healthy and organic foods. In addition, all hotels offer more than 1,000 square feet of meeting space. Every Cambria Suites hotel is committed to operational excellence and features the Cambria Pledge, an unconditional 100-percent satisfaction guarantee.

"Cambria Suites hotels provide a functional, distinctive and welcoming haven for travelers," said Sean Letherman, vice president, American Hospitality Group. "We're excited to celebrate the grand opening of this type of property in the Polaris community."

A grand opening celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the hotel, located at 9100 Lyra Drive directly across from Polaris Fashion Place shopping mall, on April 22 at 4:00 p.m. To request information about the new Cambria Suites Polaris hotel, visit the Cambria Suites Web site at cambriasuitespolaris.com.

About Cambria Suites

Cambria Suites is the newest addition to Choice Hotels and offers contemporary, upscale accommodations at affordable prices. Designed as a lifestyle hotel brand, Cambria Suites offers more than just a place to sleep at night. It features a larger lobby to give guests a more social atmosphere, all-suite rooms that are 25 percent larger than standard hotel rooms and include a separate living, working and sleeping space, providing business and leisure travelers a haven to relax, socialize and network. There are currently 13 properties open across the country with 61 hotels under development nationwide and in Canada.

Choice Hotels International franchises more than 5,800 hotels, representing more than 470,000 rooms, in the United States and more than 30 countries and territories. As of December 31, 2008, 987 hotels are under construction, awaiting conversion or approved for development in the United States, representing 78,915 rooms, and an additional 121 hotels, representing 10,190 rooms, are under construction, awaiting conversion or approved for development in more than 15 countries and territories. The company's Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Cambria Suites, MainStay Suites, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inn brands serve guests worldwide. In addition, via its Ascend Collection membership program, travelers in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean have upscale lodging options at historic, boutique and unique hotels.

Additional corporate information may be found on the Choice Hotels Web site, which may be accessed at www.choicehotels.com.

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