Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Achieves Strong Performance Gains

NORTH BETHESDA, Md., March 10, 2025 / PRNewswire/ -- Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE: CHH), one of the leading hotel franchisors in the industry, has propelled the performance of Country Inn & Suites by Radisson in the two years since its combination with Radisson Hotels Americas. Driven by Choice's strategic investments in brand enhancements and the power of its state-of-the-art franchisee support system, Country Inn & Suites has achieved a 19-point increase in RevPAR Index, a 20% rise in direct online contribution, and an increase in revenue from group and business travelers year-over-year. The Radisson Americas brands have seen increased digital traffic and higher booking conversion rates, leading to new hotel development commitments, including 38 new Country Inn & Suites added to the pipeline in the last two years.

Owners have also benefitted from Choice's popular direct channels, ChoiceHotels.com and the Choice Hotels mobile app, which have achieved a year-over-year increase in booking conversion rates following a relaunch of the website and the app customer experience.

"Country Inn & Suites by Radisson has performed well above the goals we set out for the brand when it joined the Choice family of brands two years ago," said Judd Wadholm, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Choice Hotels' upper midscale, midscale and economy brands. "We are committed to a long-term strategy to give this brand an even stronger edge in the competitive upper midscale segment and to unlock additional channels for our owners to help grow their revenue."

As the Upper Midscale category leader, Choice Hotels has sharpened Country Inn & Suites' brand promise, deepening guest satisfaction to drive increased stays. The company introduced a refreshed guestroom design in 2023, featuring sophisticated finishes, subtle color accents, and functional furnishings. In response to this design, 84% of guests reported they would likely stay at a Country Inn & Suites hotel.

"We've been thrilled to see guests respond so enthusiastically to the initial design refresh, which marked just the first step in reimagining the brand for today's travelers. Looking ahead, we're focused on innovating in key areas where we see the greatest opportunities to delight guests and help drive greater returns for owners," said Deborah Gürün, Director of Brand Management and Strategy for Country Inn & Suites by Radisson.

With an industry-leading franchisee retention rate, Choice Hotels continuously invests in its world-class suite of technological solutions, simplifying owners' hotel operations and maximizing opportunities to grow their hotels' business. Last year, the company launched ChoiceConnect, a mobile-friendly owner's portal that allows franchisees to manage their properties remotely and seamlessly access their operational metrics in one place.

Several owners have experienced the benefits of these investments.

Chandresh Patel, owner of the <u>Country Inn & Suites by Radisson in Gurnee</u>, <u>Illinois</u> credits Choice's support systems, particularly the Choice Hotels Revenue Optimization Consulting Services (ChoiceROCS), as a key factor for increasing his hotel's revenue, helping drive his decision to invest in buying a second <u>Country Inn & Suites in Wisconsin</u>.

"The results we've achieved with ChoiceROCS have exceeded expectations," said Patel. "This system did an excellent job in dynamically adjusting our pricing and promotions throughout the year so that we weren't leaving any revenue opportunities on the table, even during the slower seasons."

Choice found that in 2024, upper midscale hotels that engaged with ChoiceROCS sustained an average

2% more in RevPAR Index year-over-year, compared to hotels not on the program.

Kyle Davis, owner of the <u>Country Inn & Suites by Radisson in Texarkana, Texas</u>, joined Choice Hotels through the 2022 integration. He has also grown his revenue through the company's tools, including the award-winning ChoiceMAX, an advanced, mobile-first revenue management solution that adapts hotel rates to changes in the market using real-time data, giving owners more time to focus on their properties' day-to-day operations.

"ChoiceMAX has been a game-changer for our property," said Davis. "Its ability to instantaneously adapt to market conditions has helped us grow our revenue since we joined Choice Hotels. It's an invaluable tool for keeping our hotel priced competitively and efficiently, particularly during a time when many of our competitors are losing revenue."

Choice Hotels has committed to making it easier for prospective owners to finance their hotel investment. It <u>recently partnered</u> with the innovative digital platform <u>Bridge</u> to help provide new and existing Choice hotel owners with access to affordable financing solutions.

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