

Hyatt Newsroom

□ **HERNDON, VA – APRIL 3, 2009** – Hyatt Hotels & Resorts and Crescent Hotels and Resorts today announce the opening of Hyatt Place Herndon/Dulles Airport-East, conveniently located just five miles from Washington Dulles International Airport.

The hotel offers:

- 151 spacious guestrooms, all of which feature a 42-inch HDTV, the plush Hyatt Grand Bed™ and an eight-foot sectional sofa-sleeper
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access throughout the hotel
- Complimentary continental breakfast featuring a variety of fresh fruits, hot and cold cereal, yogurt, breads, Starbucks® coffee and an assortment of juices
- 1,100 square feet of meeting space
- Complimentary shuttle service to and from Washington Dulles International Airport

In addition to Dulles airport, the hotel is also a short drive from popular local attractions including Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center, Tyson's Corner shopping mall and Mount Vernon.

"We believe the *Hyatt Place* guest experience will continue to set the standard for today's multitasking travelers," said James Tirpak, general manager. "With free Wi-Fi access, freshly prepared food available 24/7, state-of-the-art in-room media options and a staff specially trained to handle any task gracefully, *Hyatt Place* has everything today's traveler needs."

"When creating *Hyatt Place*, we extensively researched the evolving needs of contemporary travelers to identify the right combination of style, service and amenities," said Alison Kal, vice president, marketing, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts. "Across the country, guest reactions have been tremendously positive and we're thrilled to enhance Hyatt's presence in the greater Washington, DC metro area."

Hyatt Place HERNDON/DULLES AIRPORT-EAST Leadership

Hyatt Place Herndon/Dulles Airport-East will be under the leadership of General Manager James Tirpak and Director of Sales Azza Bell.

In his role, Tirpak will be directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hotel, including overseeing the hotel's 40 associates and ensuring guests encounter the purposeful service for which *Hyatt Place* is known.

Tirpak will be joined by Azza Bell, director of sales, who will be responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the Washington, DC metro area.

In addition to Hyatt Place Herndon/Dulles Airport-East, travelers in the Washington, DC metro area can also experience Hyatt Place Sterling/Dulles Airport-North, Hyatt Place Chantilly/ Dulles Airport-South, Hyatt Place Baltimore BWI Airport and Hyatt Place Baltimore/Owings Mills.

HYATT PLACE BACKGROUND

Hyatt Place, ranked "Highest in Guest Satisfaction among Mid-Scale Hotel Chains with Full Service" by J.D. Power and Associates, combines contemporary design with innovative services and amenities to create an atmosphere of casual hospitality.

Hyatt Place was inspired by the changing landscape of contemporary, multi-tasking business travelers, who have successfully adapted to today's "24/7 lifestyle," seamlessly merging personal and professional activities. To help guests achieve this lifestyle, *Hyatt Place* offers a balanced mix of comfortable and functional amenities.

- **Guestrooms:** For work, guests can take advantage of the complimentary Wi-Fi, oversized desk and ergonomic chair in each room. And when it's time to relax, they can stretch out on the eight-foot Cozy Corner sectional sofa-sleeper and watch their favorite shows on the room's 42-inch LG™ flat panel, high-definition television. Each room's innovative Hyatt Plug Panel™ also allows guests to connect their own entertainment media to the television, including laptops, MP3 players, DVD players or any other portable device. At bedtime, the signature Hyatt Grand Bed™ ensures guests will enjoy a peaceful night's sleep.
- **Gallery:** An innovative welcoming arrival area where guests are greeted by a Gallery Host who assists guests with everything from check-in to preparing a freshly made snack, the Gallery offers two self-registration kiosks, an intimate

coffee and wine café and bakery, free Wi-Fi, a TV den and an “e-room” with free access to public computers and a printer with secure print-ahead technology.

- **Mealtime:** Guests at *Hyatt Place* may purchase signature hot breakfast entrées along with Starbucks® specialty coffees or enjoy a free continental breakfast. *Hyatt Place* also offers a variety of freshly prepared, café-quality items, including made-to-order entrées, sandwiches, soups, salads and pizza, which guests can order 24/7 via a touch screen menu in the Guest Kitchen or from a Gallery Host.
- **StayFit@Hyatt:** To help guests stay physically and mentally productive, each Hyatt Place offers a StayFit@Hyatt gym featuring state-of-the-art Life Fitness® equipment.

Travelers are raving about *Hyatt Place* hotels already open in 130 locations nationwide, including Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Louisville, Miami, Phoenix, Orlando, San Antonio, Tampa and Washington, D.C.

About Hyatt Place

Hyatt Place is a new kind of Hyatt for today’s relaxed lifestyle. Hyatt Place is ranked “*Highest in Guest Satisfaction Among Mid-Scale Hotel Chains with Full Service*” according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2008 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index StudySM. Catering to today’s discerning travelers, Hyatt Place combines The Hyatt Touch® with stylish design, purposeful amenities and forward-thinking technology. Hyatt Place is a brand of Global Hyatt Corporation that currently offers 130 locations nationwide. For Hyatt Place information or to make a reservation, call 1-888-HYATT-HP (888-492-8847) or visit www.HyattPlace.com.

Hyatt Place received the highest numerical score among mid-scale hotel chains with full service in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2008 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction StudySM. Study based on responses from 53,453 guests measuring 12 mid-scale hotels with full service and measures opinions of guests who stayed in a hotel May 2007-June 2008. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed June 2007-June 2008. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

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