

296-room Hyatt Place hotel located in the heart of downtown Austin

Austin, TX (March 5, 2013)– Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) and White Lodging Services today announce the opening of [Hyatt Place Austin Downtown](#), just steps from the Austin Convention Center and the city’s famous Sixth Street.

“With thousands of music, film and digital enthusiasts arriving to our great city from around the world, there couldn’t be a more exciting time to be a part of this new opening in downtown Austin,” said Brad Haas, general manager, Hyatt Place Austin Downtown. “We can’t wait to welcome guests to the new hotel and show them the authentic hospitality and purposeful service for which Hyatt Place is known.”

In addition to its proximity to the convention center, Hyatt Place Austin Downtown is just minutes away from the University of Texas and major companies including AMD, Whole Foods and Silicon Labs. Additionally, the hotel is close to more 50 restaurants and only 15 minutes from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Hyatt Place Austin Downtown offers:

- 296 spacious guestrooms, all of which feature a 42-inch HDTV, the plush Hyatt Grand Bed® and a sectional sofa sleeper
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access throughout the hotel
- Complimentary a.m. Kitchen Skillet™, featuring freshly prepared breakfast sandwiches, a variety of fresh fruits, hot and cold cereal, yogurt, breads, premium coffee and an assortment of juices
- 1,800 square feet of flexible, high-tech meeting and function space
- 24/7 Guest Kitchen serving made-to-order snacks and entrees
- Intimate Bakery Café featuring specialty coffees, premium beers and wines and cocktails

“It’s a wonderful feeling to grow with a city,” said Bryan Hayes, chief operating officer, White Lodging. “Today marks the opening of White Lodging’s 22nd Austin hotel. We’re thrilled to be able to be part of the fabric of such a unique city.”

HYATT PLACE AUSTIN DOWNTOWN LEADERSHIP

Hyatt Place Austin Downtown is under the leadership of General Manager Brad Haas and Director of Sales Lori Hughes. In his role, Haas is directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hotel, including overseeing the hotel’s approximately 100 associates and ensuring guests encounter the purposeful service for which Hyatt Place is known. Haas is joined by Hughes, director of sales, who is responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the Austin area.

ABOUT HYATT PLACE

Launched in 2006, Hyatt Place brings to the upscale select service hotel category the authentic hospitality for which Hyatt is known. Inspired by multitasking travelers’ 24/7 lifestyle, Hyatt Place combines stylish design and practical amenities with forward-thinking technology and purposeful service. Spacious guestrooms feature multiple areas to work and relax, and include the Cozy Corner, an eight-foot sectional sofa sleeper; plush Hyatt Grand Bed; and ergonomic work center. Every guestroom is also equipped with a state-of-the-art media center that allows electronic devices to plug directly into the 42-inch, high-definition television, giving guests instant access to the technological amenities they’re accustomed to accessing at home or in the office. Hyatt Place hotels also feature complimentary Wi-Fi access, a StayFit@Hyatt fitness center, a coffee and wine bar serving specialty coffees and premium wine and beer, and a Grab ’n Go case stocked with freshly made sandwiches and salads. The Guest Kitchen offers made-to-order breakfast, lunch and dinner entrées around the clock, in addition to the a.m. Kitchen Skillet™, a complimentary hot breakfast served daily. Specially trained Hosts are on hand to offer assistance with everything from directions to check-in to a freshly made meal.

Hyatt Place, a brand of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, offers more than 170 locations in United States, Costa Rica and India. For Hyatt Place information or to make a reservation, call 1-888-HYATT-HP (888-492-8847) or visit www.HyattPlace.com.

About White Lodging Services Corporation

White Lodging Services Corporation was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Ind. White Lodging is a fully integrated hotel ownership, development and operations company – a recognized leader that has defined and cultivated the ability to achieve consistent, sustainable growth among mid- to large-scale hotels across the country. Its current portfolio consists of more than 160 hotels in 20 states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Preferred Hotels, Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Global, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, InterContinental Hotel Group and Carlson Hotels Worldwide. For more information about White Lodging, please visit www.whitelodging.com.

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About Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Hyatt Hotels Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is a leading global hospitality company with a proud heritage of making guests feel more than welcome. Thousands of members of the Hyatt family strive to make a difference in the lives of the guests they encounter every day by providing authentic hospitality. The Company's subsidiaries manage, franchise, own and develop hotels and resorts under the **Hyatt®**, **Park Hyatt®**, **Andaz®**, **Grand Hyatt®**, **Hyatt Regency®**, **Hyatt Place®** and **Hyatt House™** brand names and have locations on six continents. **Hyatt Residential Group, Inc.**, a **Hyatt Hotels Corporation** subsidiary, develops, operates, markets or licenses **Hyatt Residences™** and **Hyatt Residence Club™**. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's worldwide portfolio consisted of 500 properties in 46 countries. For more information, please visit www.hyatt.com.

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