

## 145-room Hyatt Place hotel located in downtown Champaign

**CHICAGO (June 24, 2014)** – [Hyatt Hotels Corporation](#) (NYSE: H) and First Hospitality Group, Inc. today announce the opening of Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana. As the first Hyatt-branded hotel to open in downtown Champaign, [Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana](#) is a refreshing new choice for University of Illinois visitors, as well as business and leisure travelers alike.

“As Champaign continues to grow, we are excited to add to the momentum by welcoming the first Hyatt Place hotel to the city,” said Victor Patterson, general manager, Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana. “Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana is located in a very desirable area, and we’re looking forward to creating a positive travel experience for each and every guest that walks through our doors. The Hyatt Place brand was designed for a lifestyle, not a demographic, and as a result, we are confident that everyone from business travelers to students’ parents will appreciate the open, intuitive design, casual atmosphere and practical amenities, such as free Wi-Fi and 24-hour food offerings.”

Located at the intersection of Neil Street and Church Street in Champaign’s vibrant downtown area, Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana is conveniently situated steps from 36 different restaurants and bars, and popular attractions, such as the Virginia Theatre. The hotel is minutes from the University of Illinois campus, and is the Official Hotel Partner of Fighting Illini Athletics.

Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana offers:

- 145 roomy rooms, all of which feature a swiveling 42-inch HDTV, the plush Hyatt Grand Bed® and Cozy Corner sectional sofa
- Free Wi-Fi everywhere
- Complimentary a.m. Kitchen Skillet™ breakfast for guests, featuring freshly prepared breakfast sandwiches, a variety of fresh fruits, hot and cold cereal, yogurt, breads, premium coffee and an assortment of juices
- 3,200 square feet of flexible, high-tech meeting/function space
- 24/7 Gallery Menu serving made-to-order entrees and appetizers around the clock
- A Coffee to Cocktails Bar featuring specialty coffees and premium beers, as well as wines and cocktails

“We are excited to be bringing the Hyatt Place brand to such a thriving and vibrant community like Champaign,” said Robert Habeeb, president at First Hospitality Group. “We are confident that Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana will bring a new standard to the area and will provide a perfect mix of style, service and amenities that will exceed guest expectations.”

### HYATT PLACE CHAMPAIGN/URBANA LEADERSHIP

Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana is under the leadership of General Manager Victor Patterson and Director of Sales Caitlyn Mooney. In his role, Patterson is directly responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hotel, including overseeing the hotel’s 50 associates and ensuring guests encounter the purposeful service for which Hyatt Place is known. Mooney is responsible for providing sales service and support to travelers and meeting planners frequenting the Champaign area.

### ABOUT HYATT PLACE

Launched in 2006, the Hyatt Place brand 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 hotels combine style with casual hospitality. Featuring spacious guestrooms with the Cozy Corner, free Wi-Fi, the 24/7 Gallery Menu, Coffee to Cocktails Bar, and free hot breakfast with your stay. The Odds & Ends program also has guests covered with items they may have forgot and can buy, borrow or enjoy for free. Specially trained Gallery 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 190 locations in the United States, Armenia, Costa Rica, India, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Netherlands. For Hyatt Place information or to make a reservation, call 1-888-HYATT-HP (888-492-8847) or visit [www.HyattPlace.com](http://www.HyattPlace.com).

### About First Hospitality Group

First Hospitality Group, Inc., is a national, experienced, and established hospitality management, and development company serving the investment and real estate industries. Since 1985, FHG has been an award-winning pioneer in the hospitality industry. FHG has successfully developed, marketed and managed over 16 brands and 63 properties throughout the Midwest. Visit [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.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®**, **Hyatt House®**, **Hyatt Zilara™** and **Hyatt Ziva™** 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 March 31, 2014, the Company's worldwide portfolio consisted of 554 properties in 47 countries. For more information, please visit [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com).

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