

HILTON GARDEN INN CHICAGO-SCHAUMBURG OPENS IN CHICAGOLAND AREA EXPANDING WHITE LODGING'S FOOTPRINT

MERRILLVILLE, IN (November 03, 2008) – **White Lodging** opened a 166-room **Hilton Garden Inn** (1191 Woodfield Rd.) in Schaumburg, IL last week adding to the company's impressive growing portfolio of more than 139 hotels in seventeen states nationwide. This is the first Hilton affiliated newly constructed hotel in the greater Schaumburg area in the past 20 years.

With more than 20 years of expertise and future development projects in excess of \$1.5 billion opening over the next five years, **White Lodging** continues to break ground as one of the fastest-growing independent hospitality companies in the country. In May 2008, White Lodging received Hilton's prestigious *Developer of the Year* award for the Hilton Garden Inn brand and has developed and/or opened 16 Hilton affiliated hotels in the last three years (including 11 Hilton Garden Inns).

"The **Hilton Garden Inn Chicago - Schaumburg** is conveniently located near many area attractions and corporations offering guests easy access to everything they could need," says General Manager Rocky Wruck. "We compliment the growing needs of both business and leisure travelers in the Schaumburg area and offer them true comforts, conveniences and services they would expect from a **Hilton Garden Inn**."

The new **Hilton Garden Inn Chicago - Schaumburg** provides guests with a full complement of services and amenities for both business and leisure travelers. Guest room accommodations and features include the Garden Sleep System™ bed, a high definition flat screen television with complimentary HBO®, an easy-to-set alarm clock that allows guests to play their portable music player, a "hospitality center" that features a mini fridge, microwave oven and coffee maker and a sitting area with an easy chair and ottoman.

In reviewing early plans with White Lodging development team, there was a need identified for additional meeting space for growing needs of local clients. The hotel features more than 900 square feet of meeting space, more than a traditional Hilton Garden Inn. Additionally, business travelers can enjoy large workspaces with outlets at desk height; ergonomic desk chairs; and virtual in-room printing services in every guestroom. A 24-hour, self-service business center is also convenient for those last-minute office needs.

To complete the experience, visitors can dine at the hotel's **Great American Grill** restaurant, which offers freshly prepared breakfasts, casual dinner service and a full service lounge. Unique to the **Hilton Garden Inn**, the hotel's Pavilion Pantry® has a selection of refrigerated, frozen and microwaveable packaged items perfect for in-room preparation.

Rocky Wruck, an industry veteran, will serve as General Manager and joins the **Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg** team after serving as opening general manager of the Courtyard by Marriott in Schaumburg, Ill. He has received numerous accolades throughout his career including recognition as Marriott International's 2005 Courtyard Opening GM of the Year. **Lucy Raymond** joins the **Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg** team as Cluster Director of Sales, where she will take on additional duties at the Hilton Garden Inn as well as maintain sales efforts at three other hotels in the greater Schaumburg area.

The **Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg** is ideally located within close proximity to both businesses and leisure activities for guests. Some attractions include Arlington International

Racecourse, Woodfield Mall and Ikea. Many corporations are located within easy reach of the hotel including IBM, Motorola, Pepsi, AT&T and the Sears Headquarters.

For more information and to make reservations, please contact the **Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg** at (847) 524-0455 or visit them online at www.hiltongardeninn.com.