

Carlson Hotels Worldwide Adds 16 New Properties to Its Global Portfolio From August Through October

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Carlson Hotels Worldwide today announced during the American Hotel & Lodging Association show that the company has added 16 new locations to its portfolio of brands from August through October.

The new hotels include one Radisson SAS property in Dublin, one Radisson Edwardian property in London, three Radisson Hotels & Resorts(R) hotels in the United States, seven Country Inn & Suites By Carlson(SM) hotels in the United States, and four Park Inn(R) hotels, two in Germany, one in Glasgow, Scotland and one in Vancouver, British Columbia. Carlson operates more than 960 hotels with 146,308 rooms in 71 countries. Carlson hotel brands also include Regent Hotels & Resorts and Park Plaza(R) Hotels & Resorts.

"I'm delighted with the global development progress of our brands this year," said Jay Witzel, president and CEO of Carlson Hotels Worldwide and CEO, Regent. "Since January 1, we've added more than 56 hotels, and have over 125 new property signings globally. We anticipate reaching the landmark milestone of 1,000 hotels across all five hotel brands of Carlson Hotels Worldwide by mid 2008."

This year, Carlson Hotels also reported significant RevPAR gains resulting from the roll-out of a new industry leading revenue optimization program that focuses on revenue management and forecasting. September year-to-date, the company's most prominent brand, Radisson, achieved a RevPAR growth of 6.7 percent in the United States which outperformed the Smith Travel Research Upscale chain segment by 1.8 points as published in their monthly U.S. Lodging Review report.

Country Inns & Suites By Carlson

With the addition of seven new Country Inns & Suites By Carlson hotels in September and October, the brand currently consists of 428 hotels and 34,183 guestrooms.

All of the new properties are located in the U.S., and include the 60-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in St. George, Utah, owned by Swami, LLC, the 85-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Columbia, Mo., which is owned by MMP Keene Inc., the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Chesapeake, Va., with 82 guestrooms and is owned by Praestans One, LLC, the 75-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in London, Ky., owned by Pooja Ventures, LLC, the 65-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Chester, Va., which is owned by Cosmo VA One, Inc., the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Columbus, Ga., with 64 guestrooms and is owned by RAM Hotel, LLC, and the new Country Inn & Suites By Carlson at New Orleans Airport in Louisiana, owned by Ashok Enterprises, LLC. The seven new hotels all feature traditional brand design elements, including hard wood floors and fire place in the grand lobby.

Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts

The Radisson SAS brand welcomed one new hotel in August -- the Radisson SAS Royal Hotel, Dublin in Ireland. This new hotel is located at the crossroads of Golden Lane and Chancery Lane in the heart of Dublin. This newly built, sophisticated hotel offers a high standard of service and is within walking distance of top city landmarks such as Trinity College, Dublin Castle and the famous Grafton Street. The hotel offers 150 spacious and well-appointed guest rooms including business class rooms, executive suites, one bedroom suites and a presidential suite. Verres en Vers, a French brasserie-style restaurant, can accommodate up to 100 guests, and Sure, an Irish Style bar seats 70. The Dublin International Airport is just 8 miles from the hotel.

Radisson Edwardian

Also new in September was the Radisson Edwardian New Providence Wharf in London. This 169-room, luxury hotel is a new-built property that occupies prime riverside real estate with panoramic views of the River Thames. It is centrally located near London's business and financial district, Canary Wharf, ExCeL, The O2 arena, and London City airport. All individually designed bedrooms are generously sized with integral workspaces and full in-room entertainment systems, an in-house spa spans the entire first floor of the Ontario Tower. Business facilities include seven conference, meeting and banqueting rooms with catering for up to 200 guests, and feature natural daylight and state of the art audio-visual facilities.

Radisson Hotels & Resorts

With the addition of three new Radisson's in the U.S. during the past two months, the global portfolio includes 400 hotels with 88,959 guestrooms. October saw the opening of the Radisson Hotel Bloomington, Indiana, owned by the Kinser Group LLC, and the Radisson Hotel Albuquerque, New Mexico, owned by APHM Carlisle, LLC in New Mexico. The Radisson Hotel Bloomington, Indiana features 120 newly renovated spacious guest rooms and suites, all beautifully decorated to make guests feel right at home. The Radisson Hotel is Bloomington's newest and only full service hotel, located only 1/4 mile from Indiana University, and minutes from Cook Inc., Crane Warfare Center, and Lake Monroe. Experience the latest in technology and comfort with the Sleep Number(R) Bed, IPOD docking stations, free wireless high speed Internet and 32-inch flat screen TVs. The Radisson Hotel Albuquerque includes 314 rooms and suites and is centrally located in the business and shopping district. The hotel features a full service conference center with over 26,000 square feet of meeting space, and offers guests complimentary passes to Midtown Sports & Wellness directly behind hotel.

The final new property added to Radisson's global portfolio in September was the Radisson Hotel Bloomington By Mall of America in Minnesota. This 403-room property, owned by The Wirth Companies, is beautifully decorated in stone, slate and natural wood, offering both guest comfort and a convenient location with premier access to shopping, the airport and the downtown areas of both Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Each guestroom is elegantly decorated with duvet-style comforters, and offers a refrigerator, microwave coffeemaker and complimentary morning newspaper. Other amenities include wireless Internet access, a corporate lounge, fitness center, complimentary shuttle service and full-service spa.

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Park Inn

The Rezidor Hotel Group opened two new Park Inn locations in Germany last month -- the Park Inn Bielefeld, and the Park Inn Dusseldorf Sud -- and one location in Glasgow, Scotland -- the Park Inn Glasgow, City Centre.

The Park Inn Bielefeld is a short walk from top attractions such as Tierpark Olderdissen and the Bauernhaus Museum. The hotel recently completed an extensive renovation and now offers 118 modern and colorful guestrooms featuring the brand's signature design elements. All-day dining is available in the onsite restaurant, an adjacent lounge seats up to 40 guests.

The 121-room Park Inn Dusseldorf Sud is ideally located six miles from the city's center and nine miles from the fairgrounds and airport. The hotel offers a restaurant serving health-conscious dishes and an outdoor pool with sun terrace. All guestrooms at this property feature the colorful Park Inn design, airport shuttle service is provided for a nominal fee.

Enviably situated in the heart of Glasgow, the Park Inn Glasgow City Centre offers 100 excellent guest rooms, award-winning dining options and a luxurious spa. The hotel is within easy reach of top attractions such as Buchanan Street, the Gallery of Modern Art and the Lighthouse, making it the ideal base to mix business with pleasure

Carlson Hotels opened its first Park Inn in British Columbia in October -- the Park Inn & Suites on Broadway, Vancouver, Silver Hotel (Vancouver) Limited. Featuring 117 rooms and suites, the hotel is located in uptown Vancouver offering a spectacular "picture postcard" view of the mountains, ocean and downtown Vancouver. The hotel is within walking distance to Vancouver General Hospital, the famous noted neighborhood of Granville Island, and is only a few minutes drive to major attractions like the Science World, BC Place Stadium, and Pacific Centre Mall. These new hotels increase the Park Inn portfolio to include 86 hotels and 14,200 guestrooms worldwide.

Regent Hotels & Resorts Global Expansion Continues Through 2010

Regent Hotels & Resorts global expansion continues with the announcement of the opening of its first property in France, The Regent Bordeaux, in early 2008. In line with Regent's strategy to develop luxury hotels in the most desirable locations, The Regent Bordeaux will be situated in the heart of the Golden Triangle shopping district, an area that has undergone extensive development in the last few years. The 150-room hotel will showcase 128 rooms and 22 suites redesigned by the world-renowned interior designer Jacques Garcia.

New properties opening through 2008 include The Regent Bal Harbour in the exclusive village of Bal Harbour, Florida, The Regent Boston at Battery Wharf on the Boston waterfront (2Q 2008), and The Regent Maldives on the island nation located in the Indian Ocean (2008). In 2009, Regent will expand in Asia and Europe with The Regent Bangkok and The Regent Dubrovnik in Croatia. Plans through 2010 include the opening of The Regent Papagayo, a resort property on the cliffs overlooking the Gulf of Papagayo in Costa Rica, and Regent's first property in the United Arab Emirates, The Regent Emirates Pearl.

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