

White Lodging Opens Two New Hotels in Chicago's Northern Suburbs

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Located in Mettawa, near Lake Forest, the Hilton Garden Inn and Residence Inn bring together two highly-regarded hotel brands in one complex, catering to both long stay business and leisure travelers offering the top-tier amenities guests have come to expect from Hilton and Marriott brand hotels.

White Lodging, owner and operator of the new hotels, is one of the fastest growing independent hospitality, development and management companies in the country, managing a portfolio of more than 130 mid- to large-scale hotels in seventeen states. The Hilton Garden Inn and Residence Inn are part of the company's ambitious growth plan to double in size over the next five years.

The 130-room Residence Inn, opening May 16, 2008, features Marriott's stylish design and boasts a residential feel. Studio, one- and two-bedroom suites come complete with plush bedding packages and numerous details and amenities that are ideal for the changing needs of today's traveler.

"We're incredibly excited to introduce our high standard of comfort, service and value to the Mettawa area," says General Manager Sarah Secrist, who joins the Residence Inn after serving as General Manager of a Residence Inn in Indianapolis, Ind. "The hotel offers truly unique touches and services that cater perfectly to the long-stay and leisure traveler."

The 164-room and six-suite Hilton Garden Inn, opening May 23, 2008, features complimentary wireless Internet access in guestrooms and public space, a complimentary 24-hour business center, a 24-hour Pavilion Pantry with a selection of refrigerated, frozen and microwaveable packaged items and over 2,000 square feet of divisible meeting and banquet space that can accommodate groups of 10 to 225.

"The Hilton Garden Inn is conveniently located near many area attractions and corporations offering guests easy access to everything they could need," says General Manager Michael Hunt, who most recently served as Impact General Manager for White Lodging before joining the Hilton Garden Inn team. "We complement the growing needs of both business and leisure travelers in the Mettawa area and offer them true comforts, conveniences and services they would expect from a Hilton Garden Inn."

The Hilton Garden Inn and Residence Inn are close to numerous office parks such as Conway Business Park, Lincolnshire Corporate Center & Corporate Woods Business Park with major nearby corporations including HSBC, CDW, Grainger and Abbott. Area attractions are easily accessible and include Six Flags Great America & Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Gurnee Mills Premium Outlet Center, Ravinia Music Festival & Marriott Theater, Didier Farms and the Great Lakes Naval Museum.

The Residence Inn and Hilton Garden Inn are located 30 miles north of downtown Chicago off I-94. Individual room reservations will be available immediately, and will range from approximately \$89 to \$209 a night. For more information and to make reservations, please call the Hilton Garden Inn at (847) 735-8374 or the Residence Inn at (847) 615-2701.

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