

Carlson Hotels Adds Seven Properties To Its Canadian Portfolio

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Carlson Hotels Worldwide today announced the addition of seven locations to its Canadian portfolio during the past 18 months. The new hotels include three Radisson properties and four Park Inn hotels. Carlson's Canadian portfolio now totals 39 hotels including 22 Radisson Hotels & Resorts(R), 13 Country Inns & Suites By Carlson(R) and four Park Inn(R) hotels.

"We are in a period of tremendous growth in Canada," said Jay Witzel, president and CEO of Carlson Hotels Worldwide. "This is a country with both fantastic opportunity and a strong tourism industry, and one in which our hotel brands are becoming well known and respected."

"With projections for increased business travel, and a large number of North Americans expected to tighten vacation spending by exploring destinations within driving distance or a shorter flight, the time has never been better to expand our Canadian presence by adding terrific accommodation choices in both major urban centres and fabulous resort settings," added Sandy Russell, senior director, Revenue Generation, Carlson Hotels Worldwide.

Radisson Hotels & Resorts

The Radisson Hotel Edmonton South, on Edmonton's popular South Side, is the first Radisson hotel in the City of Edmonton. The hotel has a strong reputation in the meeting and convention circles as well as being perfectly situated for leisure travellers. Home to a jaw-dropping four-story atrium the hotel also boasts 33,000 square feet of versatile function space, spacious guest rooms that include either a king bed or two queen beds, and a 23,000 sq. ft. Fitness and Racquet Club with facilities that include treadmills, elliptical trainers, stair climbers, stationary bikes, an indoor running track, weight equipment, squash and racquetball courts, a saltwater swimming pool, a whirlpool and sauna.

The Radisson Resort Hecla, on pristine Hecla Island, is a beautiful island retreat on Lake Winnipeg. The resort was inspired by Nordic traditions and embodies the essential elements of rock, water, ice, fire and wood, bringing them together in a feast for the senses, where guests can conduct business, enjoy nature, maintain a healthy lifestyle or simply relax. This spectacular four-season resort mirrors the eco-adventures of Costa Rica, the beaches of the Caribbean, the waterpark excitement of Florida and the spas of Europe, all into one great Canadian resort!" With its on-site naturalist, number one- rated golf course, spa, waterpark, first-class dining and even a culinary school, the 90-room Radisson Resort Hecla gives its visitors an unrivaled 'costal' experience in the middle of the continent!

Radisson's newest Plaza hotel, the Radisson Plaza Mississauga Toronto Airport, is a remarkably beautiful newly built hotel. Complete with a \$4.5 million, 8,500 sq. ft. Grand Victorian Ballroom, beautifully decorated guestrooms, and fine dining, this 100% smoke-free hotel is the ideal setting for truly memorable social and corporate functions. The hotel and conference facilities are designed in the luxurious and lavishly styled Victorian time period. Crown moulding, plush carpeting, crystal chandeliers, rich dark woods and opulent Asian/Victorian furniture are the perfect foil to the latest technology that offers guests free in-room high-speed Internet access and wireless connectivity throughout the entire property and extra perks such as built in voltage adaptors, two LCD TV's and, three phones (two are IP) in ever guestroom.

With the addition of three new Radisson properties, Radisson's global portfolio currently includes more than 400 hotels with 88,420 guestrooms.

Park Inn

The newly renovated Park Inn & Suites on the River, Miramichi, NB is a great place for business and leisure travellers alike, but is the absolute ideal spot for those looking to enjoy the ultimate in fly-fishing for Atlantic Salmon. The Miramichi River System is the #1 destination for Atlantic salmon fly-fishing in the world. Conveniently located on the banks of the Miramichi River, just minutes away from the Newcastle Business District, the Civic Center, the Miramichi Health Center and much more, the Park Inn & Suites on the River Miramichi hotel provides guests with a comfortable and enjoyable hotel experience in a beautiful setting.

Located in a prime location, on Broadway, with a perfect postcard view of the water, mountains and city skyline, the Park Inn & Suites on Broadway, Vancouver, BC is walking distance to Granville Island voted North America's favorite neighborhood. The hotel is also located minutes from Science World, B.C. Place, GM Place, shopping, theatres and a selection of international restaurants to satisfy any appetite to both the business and leisure travelers.

Guests at the Park Inn & Suites on Broadway, Vancouver can enjoy live entertainment from Jazz to classic rock in the Fairview Pub or venture out to one of over 60 International restaurants within walking distance.

The Park Inn Montreal Airport, PQ is the perfect spot for travellers looking to explore all that Montreal offers. Guests choose from standard rooms with Country-style décor, perfect for the budget conscious traveller, or business- class rooms and two room executive suites that are spacious, elegant and feature many extras. Guests enjoy the perfect location for business or leisure travel with amenities that include free wireless high-speed Internet access, fitness facility, outdoor pool, and laundry facility along with ample free parking and Shuttle Service to and from the Airport.

Newly constructed and 100% smoke free, the Park Inn Hwy 27 at Woodbine, ON is a beautiful 54-room hotel offering modern contemporary comfort with easy access to highways. The hotel, only 7km (4.3 miles) to Pearson International Airport and 25km (15.5 miles) to downtown Toronto, is connected to a magnificent 18,000 sq ft banquet/convention facility complete with catering services. Steps away are Woodbine Race Track, Woodbine Fantasy Fair Shopping Centre, entertainment and a variety of restaurants. Canada's Wonderland, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Wild Water Kingdom and Playdium are nearby. After a busy day, new modern rooms that feature posturepedic beds, down pillows & duvets, ergonomic chairs, plasma TV's, microwave, mini fridge, complimentary wired & wireless internet, and complimentary local calls are a welcome respite.

This new hotels increases the Park Inn portfolio currently to more than 90 hotels and nearly 16,000 guestrooms worldwide.

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