

Carlson Hotel Adds 17 Locations to its Global Portfolio in June and July

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The new hotels include seven new Radisson properties opened across the globe in Panama, China, India and Mali, and also include three Radisson SAS hotels in Switzerland, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

Ten Country Inn & Suites By CarlsonSM hotels were also opened in the United States, including the brand's first hotel in Grand Forks, S.D. In 2008, Carlson Hotels has added 52 properties and 6,733 guest rooms bringing its current global lodging portfolio to 995 hotels with 149,174 rooms in 74 countries. Carlson hotel brands also include Regent Hotels & Resorts, Park Plaza(R) Hotels & Resorts and Park Inn.

"These openings reflect the continued worldwide growth of our brands as we approach the landmark of 1,000 properties that will be surpassed later this year," said Jay Witzel, president and CEO of Carlson Hotels Worldwide. "We are pleased that these hotels will serve new guests in new markets with the distinctive hospitality experiences of our brands," he added.

Country Inns & Suites By Carlson

The addition of 10 Country Inn & Suites By Carlson locations has increased the brand presence to 456 hotels and more than 36,400 guest rooms. All of the new properties are located in the United States, and include:

The 100-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Grand Forks, N.D., the brand's first property in the city, is owned by Portage, LLC. The hotel features an indoor pool, fitness room, and 40-person capacity meeting room.

All rooms offer complimentary wired and wireless high-speed Internet access and a 42" plasma TV, microwave and refrigerator.

The 61-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Red Wing, Minn. is owned by Red Wing Lodging, LLC.

The 65-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Sumter, S.C. is owned by PSM Hospitality Group, LLC.

The Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Rochester-Brighton, owned by Garuda Hotels, Inc., has 89 guest rooms.

The 87-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Marinette, Wis. is owned by is MARWI, LLC.

The 70-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Albany, Ga. is owned by SAGU, LLC.

The Country Inn & Suites By Carlson O'Fallon, Ill., owned by PS Hospitality of St. Louis LLC, has 66 rooms.

The 74-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Fairburn, Ga. is owned by OM Investment LLC.

The 120-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Atlanta at Buckhead is owned by Georgia Hotel Group, L.L.C.

The 82-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Savannah Airport is owned by Savannah Hospitality, LLC.

Each hotel features the brand's newly enhanced interior design package that was developed with input from guests and franchisees to evolve the brand and ensure it meets the needs of today's travelers. The new design highlights a more transitional and residential style, features a contemporary color palate throughout the hotel, and includes upgraded bedding in the guest rooms. In addition to the upgraded design, each hotel includes traditional brand design elements, including hardwood floors and a fireplace in the grand lobby.

Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts

A flagship property for Carlson Hotels Worldwide in Europe, the Radisson SAS Hotel, Zurich Airport is the first and only hotel at Zurich Airport with direct links to the terminals of one of the busiest airports in the world. The hotel will feature Europe's tallest Wine Tower in its lobby. The Radisson SAS Hotel, Zurich Airport provides easy access to the largest city in Switzerland, the country's main commercial and cultural center. With interior design provided by famed Italian architect Matteo Thun, the hotel is an extraordinary showcase of new breed Radisson SAS hotels with an impressive steel and glass facade, high style interiors and cosmopolitan atmosphere. The hotel offers 330 modern and stylish guest rooms, designed in three distinct styles:

Chic, Fresh and At Home, as well as six luxurious junior suites and a grand presidential suite designed for the ultimate luxurious experience.

Offering 336 guestrooms, the Radisson SAS Tala Bay Resort, Aqaba is the newest star to open its doors in one of Jordan's most popular tourist destinations. Situated on the banks of the Red Sea, Aqaba offers one of the world's most beautiful diving sites, world-class coral reefs and is just one hour from the UNESCO world heritage site, the Red City of Petra. The hotel has a superb beach-front location overlooking the Gulf of Aqaba. All rooms come equipped with high-quality amenities such as flat-panel LCD televisions and free high-speed Internet access. The hotel features six restaurants and bars, including Aziab, the all-day dining restaurant offering the renowned Radisson SAS Super Breakfast Buffet.

The Radisson SAS Residence, Dubai Marina offers 152 fully-serviced apartments split into: 22 studios, 74 one bedroom apartments and 56 two bedroom apartments. Situated in a new, up-market residential neighborhood, with designer shopping and the beachfront just minutes away, this new residence is one of the several high-profile projects infiltrating Dubai. The property is ideally situated, overlooking both the prestigious Palm Islands as well as the natural marina.

Radisson Hotels & Resorts

The Radisson Colon 2,000 Hotel and Casino, Panama features 102 spacious guest rooms, offering prime luxury for a Caribbean getaway. The city of Colon is the second-largest free trade zone in the world and the hotel is strategically located near the city center with views of the Colon 200 Cruise ship port. The hotel offers a variety of amenities perfect for relaxation, including outdoor pool, sauna and spa services. If traveling for business, the hotel offers fax, copier and Internet services so guests can stay in touch. All reservations include a full breakfast, and guests can choose from one of four on-site restaurants for other dining needs.

Conveniently located less than 10 miles from the city's Hong Qiao Airport, the Radisson Hotel Shanghai Hong Quan is easily accessible to several Shanghai attractions including Nanjing Dong Lu Road shopping, the Jade Buddha Temple and the Oriental Pearl Tower. The hotel features 317 well-appointed guest rooms and spacious, luxurious suites. All rooms feature a plasma TV, complimentary high-speed Internet, as well as a dedicated port for laptop connection. This hotel also provides five Radisson Club Floors as well as a Club Lounge on the top floor. The Club Lounge offers a panoramic view of beautiful Shanghai, while the Executive Lounge offers classical continental finger food and a la carte available through Room Service.

Other new Radisson openings include the Radisson Hotel, Bamako, in Mali - the first Carlson hotel in the country - and the Radisson Resort & Spa - Alibaug, India. With the addition of these seven new Radisson properties, Radisson's global portfolio currently includes 406 hotels with 88,753 guest rooms.

Regent Hotels & Resorts

This summer, Regent celebrated the opening of its latest luxury flagship, The Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux. Located in an historic building in the heart of the legendary wine destination, The Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux offers guests the first luxury hotel experience in the city center, as well as insider's access to the region's storied vineyards and chateaux. Design work by renowned Parisian Jacques Garcia (whose work includes Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Spice Market in New York and Paris' L'Hôtel) was incorporated into a total renovation of the property. The property features haute seafood restaurant Le Pressoir d'Argent, luxury shopping gallery Fashion Avenue, and 150 custom-designed guestrooms and suites-some of which feature in-room wine bars complete with private sommelier service.

Forthcoming global developments from Regent Hotels & Resorts include The Regent Maldives (April 2009), The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa, Thailand (4Q 2009), The Regent Bangkok, Thailand (1Q 2010), The Regent Manila Bay, the Philippines (4Q 2010), The Regent Emirates Pearl, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2010), The Regent Dubrovnik, Croatia (2011), and The Regent Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (4Q 2011.)

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