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COURTYARD IN HAMMOND, INDIANA COMPLETES A MAJOR LOBBY AND ROOMS RENOVATION

Intuitive lobby design features high-tech GoBoard® 4.0, flexible work and social spaces, and 24/7 food and beverage market

[Hammond, Indiana] – April 08, 2013 – White Lodging is pleased to announce the 85-room Courtyard by Marriott located at 7730 Corinne Drive in Hammond, Ind. has completed a major renovation of its guest rooms after a lobby completion in February 2012. The hotel owned by RLJ Lodging Trust completed its rooms renovation on April 10.

The 85-room Courtyard Southeast Chicago/Hammond now offers a comfortable and stylish room design. Thoughtfully planned, each room features plush bedding, a functional work space, spacious bathrooms, a separate seating area and complimentary in-room high-speed Internet. Providing a warm, sophisticated environment, the hotel's rooms accommodate guests' desire to stay connected, productive and refreshed during their stay.

"From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to what travelers want from a hotel," said Janis Milham, vice president and global brand manager, Courtyard. "Guests want more control and choice with services and amenities that create a healthy balance between working and relaxing."

Green has been Courtyard's signature color since Marriott launched the brand 25 years ago. Now it is even greener with the introduction of a guest recycling program for the environment. Receptacles for paper, glass, plastic and metal are conveniently located by side exits.

"New, fresh and crisp is how to best describe the new Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Southeast Hammond. Our staff combined with our newly renovated facilities have made

us number 1 for staff service out of 840 Courtyards,” said Esther White, general manager.

Courtyard by Marriott offers a refreshing environment that helps guests stay connected, productive and balanced. Intuitive services and design accommodate guests’ needs for choice and control. With more than 900 locations in 38 countries and territories, Courtyard hotels participate in the award-winning Marriott Rewards® frequent travel program that allows members to earn hotel points or airline miles for every dollar spent during each stay. For more information or reservations, contact the Courtyard by Marriott Southeast Chicago/Hammond directly at (219) 845-6350, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, visit www.courtyard.com or become a fan at www.facebook.com/courtyard.

White Lodging Services - White Lodging Services Corporation was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Indiana. White Lodging is a fully integrated hotel ownership, development, and operations company – a recognized leader that has defined and cultivated the ability to achieve consistent, sustainable growth among mid-to large-scale hotels across the country. Their current portfolio consists of over 161 hotels in 20 states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Global, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, InterContinental Hotel Group, and Carlson Hotels Worldwide. For more information about White Lodging, please visit www.whitelodging.com or call 219-472-2861.

RLJ Lodging Trust - RLJ Lodging Trust is a self-advised, publicly traded real estate investment trust focused on acquiring premium-branded, focused service and compact full-service hotels. The Company's portfolio consists of 145 hotels in 21 states and the District of Columbia, with a total of more than 21,600 rooms. Additional information may be found on the Company's website: <http://rljlodgingtrust.com>.

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