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FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES AUSTIN SOUTH UNVEILS INNOVATIVE NEXT GENERATION ROOM DESIGN AND DÉCOR

Redefining moderate tier lodging, Marriott's rapidly expanding brand launches intuitive, flexible design and warm, natural décor

Austin, Texas – March 14, 2013 – Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is unveiling its smart, inventive guest room design, and its bright and inviting décor, in Austin, Texas. The hotel owned by RLJ Lodging Trust completed its renovation on January 25.

"Delivering both function and comfort, our new design and décor elevate the Fairfield brand, setting a new standard in the moderate tier category," said Shruti Buckley, vice president and global brand manager, Fairfield Inn & Suites. "At Fairfield Inn & Suites, we provide an easy, positive and productive travel experience, as well as the promise of consistent and reliable service at an exceptional value. The Fairfield Inn & Suites Austin South is a truly stunning example of the brand's contemporary new look and feel."

The Fairfield Inn & Suites Austin South's signature "smart" room décor warmly welcomes guests into a comfortable, productive and restful environment. Flexible and functional, the guest room includes a well-designed work area, an ergonomic chair, task lighting and electrical outlets where guests need them. A curved, mobile desk enables guests to create their own work space, while also optimizing their television viewing.

Inspired by nature, the hotel's thoughtfully designed rooms and suites place the living and working area near the window to allow for more natural light and views. Building on this natural design, the room décor features organic patterns and fresh colors, blending wood tones with bright pops of color. The new design also places the sleeping area toward the middle of the room, helping to give guests a better night's sleep on plush mattresses, as well as easier access to the bathroom and wardrobe. The bright, spacious living area also offers a comfortable couch, refrigerator, coffeemaker and microwave, and the bath area continues the room's bright, spacious, contemporary feel with showers available in all standard king rooms and suites.

"I looks exceptionally fresh and clean," said Nicola D'Entremont, general manager. "We love the colors and spacious rooms. It is spacious and inviting. We are very excited to have guests stay with us and experience the 'new' Fairfield Austin South."

Located at 4525 S IH 35, the Fairfield Inn & Suites Austin South offers convenient access to the University of Texas, Barton Creek Mall and Downtown Austin.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is designed for today's traveler who is looking to be productive on the road, whether for business or leisure. In addition to complimentary Wi-Fi and breakfast, Fairfield Inn & Suites offers thoughtfully designed rooms and suites that provide separate living, working and sleeping areas. With more than 675 properties throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, Fairfield Inn & Suites 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 Fairfield Inn & Suites Austin South hotel directly at 512-707-8899, call the Fairfield Inn & Suites toll-free number at 800-228-2800, visit www.fairfieldinn.com or become a fan at www.fairfieldinnandsuites.

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