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## Hyatt Place Nashville/Downtown Announces Leadership Team

*The hotel is on schedule to open the fourth quarter of this year*

**Merrillville, IN. (May 1, 2013):** White Lodging Services is proud to announce Bill Farrell will join the Hyatt Place Nashville/Downtown leadership team as general manager. He will join Director of Sales Nicole Nielsen.

Previously, Farrell was the general manager at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Old Market in Omaha, Neb. Farrell joined White Lodging in 2001 as front desk manager at the Courtyard by Marriott in Fort Wayne, Ind. Over the years, Farrell has shown success and promise with White Lodging in the six general manager positions he has held across Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana.

"I'm excited to be joining the White Lodging team in Nashville and proud to be part of this exciting hotel," said Farrell. "Nashville has so much to offer and with the addition of the new Music City Center and the Hyatt Place in downtown, we look forward to building on the city's great reputation and creating a world class experience for all of those that visit."

Nicole Nielsen, who joined the Hyatt Place Nashville/Downtown team in December 2012, is also looking forward to making an impact in Nashville.

"There is not a more dynamic market to be in than downtown Nashville and I couldn't be more excited to be part of the opening of this property and part of the White Lodging team," said Nielsen. "It's very exciting to bring the Hyatt brand back into the downtown market and to be a bigger part of the Nashville community."

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Prior, Nielsen was the director of group sales at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown. Nielson brings sales experience from other properties such as the Radisson Stapleton Plaza Hotel in Denver, Colo., Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo. and the Wyndham Garden Hotels in both Pittsburgh and Nashville, Tenn.

The 255-room hotel broke ground in July 2012 and is slated to open later this year. The hotel will be owned by affiliates of Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. and White Lodging and is the first new select service construction, venture for Host.

Hyatt Place Nashville/Downtown is White Lodging's second hotel in Nashville and will complement the construction of the Music City Center, Nashville's new convention center scheduled to open in 2013 on 19 acres in Nashville's downtown area, just one block from the hotel. Along with the convention center, Hyatt Place Nashville/Downtown guests will be a block away from the newly expanded Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, a short walk from the city's business district and around the corner from one of the countless live music venues just two blocks away on Broadway, the street where many of today's top musical artists got their start.

All 255 suites are 20 percent larger than the average hotel room, and decorated in Hyatt's signature, upscale décor. Guests can relax in separate sitting and sleeping areas equipped with a mini fridge while watching their room's 42-inch flat screen TV and enjoying free Wi-Fi.

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Hyatt Place, a brand of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, offers more than 160 locations throughout the United States and has locations under development throughout the U.S., China, Europe, India, Latin America, and the Middle East. For Hyatt Place information or to make a reservation, call 1-888-HYATT-HP (888-492-8847) or visit [www.HyattPlace.com](http://www.HyattPlace.com).

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