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White Lodging Promotes Nikki Thomas to Regional Director of Sales & Marketing

Thomas' region will include hotels in Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee

Merrillville, Ind. (March 12, 2013): White Lodging Services is pleased to announce Nikki Thomas has been promoted to regional director of sales & marketing where she will be responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing efforts at properties in Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee.

"I am thankful to White Lodging for giving me the opportunity to continue to grow my career," said Thomas. "This is a very exciting time to be a part of White Lodging."

Previously, Thomas was the cluster director of sales at the three Marriott Place hotels in Indianapolis where she was responsible for a combination of 621 guestrooms. These three hotels included the Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield Inn & Suites and SpringHill Suites. In her time with White Lodging, Thomas has held multiple sales positions including properties such as the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Plantation hotel in Florida and the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indiana.

"My goal is to provide support and leadership to the property sales teams to assist them in achieving their market share goals as well as stay focused to profitable revenue generation opportunities," Thomas said.

The properties Thomas will oversee include the Midway Hotel Center in Chicago, the Residence Inn and Springhill Suites in Fishers, Ind., the Residence Inn and Springhill Suites in Carmel, Ind., the Courtyard at the Capitol in Indianapolis, the Residence Inn on the Canal in Indianapolis, the Residence Inn and Fairfield Inn at the Indianapolis Airport and the new Hyatt Place Nashville opening in the fourth quarter of 2013.

"Nikki Thomas brings comprehensive full and select service sales knowledge and expertise to a dynamic Midwest region," said Gill Lapeire, corporate director of sales & marketing at White Lodging. "Her experience and success in opening multi-brand urban hotels makes her an ideal fit for her new portfolio."

White Lodging Services Corporation - was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Ind. 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. Its current portfolio consists of more than 160 hotels in 20 states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Preferred Hotels, Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Global, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, InterContinental Hotel Group and Carlson Hotels Worldwide.

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