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## **RESIDENCE INN HOUSTON DOWNTOWN UNVEILS INNOVATIVE RENOVATION**

*Total redesign of suites and public spaces allow extended-stay guests to thrive on the road*

Houston, Texas - June 27, 2014 - The Residence Inn by Marriott in Houston, Texas has undergone a renovation of its fitness center, guest spaces and updates to the suites appliances, transforming it into an upscale hotel, designed to enhance the comfort and lifestyle of travelers on the road today. The newly refreshed Residence Inn Houston Downtown Convention Center offers guests flexible spaces and amenities to help maintain a healthy balance and routine while traveling.

“When on the road for an extended period, our guests need space to spread out, to maintain their life’s pace and restore their energy,” said Diane Mayer, vice president and global brand manager, Residence Inn. “Residence Inn offers a seamless blend of modern style and functionality that allows them to settle in and thrive.”

The spacious, residential-style suites offer accommodations that are larger than traditional hotel guestrooms. The spacious layout provides separate zones where guests can relax, work, eat, and sleep, thereby maintaining their routines while away from home. The updated suites with new stainless steel appliances make living on the road easier for both business travelers on long stays and families on holiday. With an expansive workspace, complimentary high-speed Internet access, and a multitude of easily accessible outlets, guests are able to work efficiently throughout the suite. Sectional sofas, 37 inch flat screen televisions and luxurious bathrooms with extra storage space make it possible for travelers to live and rest comfortably. Contemporary and stylish décor, featuring natural light and refreshing colors are all elements that improve guests’ productivity and energy.

Conveying the same feeling of comfortable living on the road, the hotel’s updates to the public spaces include an expanded fitness center with new equipment and new wall vinyl and tile in the guest laundry rooms. The hotel also updated the lighting in the hallways.

Guests will also enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi and private “nooks” with personal high-definition flat screen televisions provide a private/public work space outside of the hotel’s suite.

With more than 600 properties in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Central America, Residence Inn by Marriott is a leader in the extended-stay lodging segment. Designed for long stays, the brand offers spacious suites with separate living and sleeping areas. Fully functional kitchens, grocery delivery, 24-hour markets and complimentary breakfast help guests maintain a healthy balance while on the road. Complimentary Wi-Fi allows guests to stay connected to the home and office, while health and fitness options and inviting lobby spaces provide comfortable places to work and relax.

Residence Inn participates in the company’s 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 Residence Inn Houston Downtown Convention Center directly at 832-366-1000, call the Residence Inn toll-free number at 800-331-3131 or visit [www.residenceinn.com](http://www.residenceinn.com). For travel tips, the latest on the brand or to connect with other travelers, “like” Residence Inn on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/residenceinn](http://www.facebook.com/residenceinn).

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