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PRESS RELEASE
The New Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf Opens Doors

April 15, 2010 (Waldorf, MD) -- Shamin Hotels, one of the leading hotel management companies on the East Coast, today announced the opening of the Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf. This hotel is located at the intersection of St. Patrick's Drive and Smallwood Drive in the St. Charles' Westlake Village.

The new 80,886 square foot Hilton Garden Inn stands five stories tall and features 130 guest rooms and suites, plus a beautiful 2,465 square foot ballroom that can accommodate up to 200 guests. This is the 12th hotel Shamin Hotels has built and opened in the past 18 months. Most recently, Shamin Hotels opened its flagship hotel, the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, in the Short Pump area of Richmond in December of 2009.

"We are proud to welcome the Hilton Garden Inn, a first-rate hotel, to St. Charles. The hotel is an exciting addition to the O'Donnell Lake complex. With the opening of Hilton Garden Inn, the advent of our summer long concert festival and farmers markets, the relocation of our corporate offices and apartment rental center, and the start of construction of the new public library all taking place this year, O'Donnell Lake is on its way to becoming one of the most prominent and most visited commercial centers in Charles County," stated Alan Shearer, CEO, American Community Properties Trust.

The Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf is situated in a 9,100 acre planned community in Charles County. It is the most comprehensive smart green community development



project in the United States today. The vision is to make St. Charles the international model for 21st century smart green and growing communities. The transformational effect that will occur from the efforts will double St. Charles in size while actually lowering today's carbon footprint and water usage for the community.

Hilton Garden Inn is the award-winning, mid-priced hotel brand that continually strives to ensure today's busy travelers have everything they need to be most productive on the road. Hilton Garden Inn offers the amenities and services for travelers to sleep deep, stay fit, eat well and work smart while away from home.

The Hilton Garden Inn features the Garden Sleep System® bed which enables guests to adjust the firmness or softness of the bed, complimentary wireless Internet access in guestrooms and public space, remote printing to the hotel's complimentary 24-hour business center, a full-service restaurant serving freshly cooked-to-order breakfast, dinner and evening room service, the 24-hour Pavilion Pantry® convenience market featuring a variety of snack options, microwaveable meals, a selection of beverage options and sundries. A signature glass waterfall greets guests as they enter the hotel.

Business-oriented features of the guest rooms include: ergonomic Mirra® chair by Herman Miller; a spacious and clutter-free work desk; electrical outlets at desk height; adjustable lighting and two speaker telephones equipped with data ports and voice mail.

Allen Davis, general manager stated, "Upon walking through our hotel doors, guests will experience a beautiful new hotel and friendly hotel staff who look forward to making their stay enjoyable and carefree as well as help them stay productive."

Recreational facilities consist of a workout facility featuring Precor® state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength training equipment, Stay Fit Kits® available for complimentary check-out from the front desk, outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool.



The Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf not only caters to the business traveler. Leisure guests will enjoy its great location and easy access to shopping, dining and nightlife. The Capital Ballroom will be host to various meetings, weddings and other social events. The location is close to many leisure venues such as the Potomac Speedway, Maryland International Raceway at Budds Creek, the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs stadium and weekend get a way shopping packages will be available.

The grand opening specials include introductory rates as low as \$99 per night, other specials include \$100 off any event booked in the ballroom over \$1000 in value or Double Hilton Honors points on your very first visit. Restrictions apply. A Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening is being planned for June 10, 2010.

To make reservations or to find out more about the Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf, visit www.waldorf.hgi.com or call the hotel directly at 240-222-0000.

About Shamin Hotels

Shamin Hotels, based in Richmond, Virginia, is a dynamic, growth-oriented hotel company that owns, operates, and develops commercial business hotels under Hilton, Marriott, InterContinental, and Choice flags. With 4000+ rooms in 37 properties across three states, Shamin Hotels is today recognized as the largest hotel owner and operator in Central Virginia. Deeply rooted in the hospitality industry, Shamin Hotels enjoys a number of advantages that give the company a competitive edge. Its senior management team has more than 100 years of combined experiences. This executive team along with more than 1000 associates provides a daily wealth of intuitive input, perspective, and knowledge that helps to create the Shamin Touch. The company also has long-standing relationships with the industry's most highly regarded brands and has consistently been the recipient of awards from its franchisors. Shamin was awarded the multi brand developer of the year in 2003 by president Bush Sr. on behalf of Hilton Corporation. Most recently Shamin was awarded the 2009 America's



Developer of the Year award from InterContinental Hotels Group. For more information, call 804-777-9000 or visit www.shaminhotels.com.

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