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HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON® OPENS HOTEL NEAR BEL AIR

(Bel Air, Maryland) Harford County Executive David R. Craig was on hand for the grand opening of Harford County’s newest hotel. Homewood Suites by Hilton®, the international brand of all-suite, residential-style hotels, announced the opening of its newest property in Bel Air, Maryland. Located at 4170 Philadelphia Road, the hotel is conveniently situated within a suburban area that offers multiple shopping avenues for guests.

“We are delighted to have Homewood Suites by Hilton as a partner in our ever expanding business family,” County Executive David R. Craig stated. “Homewood Suites is positioned well to serve tourist and business travelers alike to Harford County,” Craig remarked.

Major nearby corporations include SAIC and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Guests can enjoy many restaurants that are close to the hotel including Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday’s, Bliss Coffee, and Wine Bar. Nearby attractions include Historic Havre De Grace, Ripken Stadium, and Bulle Rock Golf Course.

The five-story, 92-suite hotel is owned by Shri Sudha, LLC and is managed by Hilton Hotels Corporation. General Manager, James Fitzsimmons has been in the hospitality industry for nearly ten years with seven of those years being spent at various Homewood Suites hotels. Claire Kauserud will be joining Fitzsimmons as the Director of Sales and brings nearly eight years of hospitality experience to this new venture.

“We continue to see strong demand in the extended stay hotel segment and feel this property helps to fill a need in the suburban area of Bel Air,” said Fitzsimmons.

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Homewood Suites by Hilton – Bel Air offers studio, one-, and two-bedroom suites, and nine handicap accessible suites. Additional guest amenities include a daily complimentary Suite Start[®] hot breakfast in the hotel’s hospitality center—the “Lodge”—a Welcome Home[®] reception featuring a complimentary light meal and beverages Monday-Thursday evenings, an executive business center, and a 24-hour on-site pantry. This hotel also offers a swimming pool, sports court, whirlpool, and 700 square feet of meeting space.

Launched in 1989, the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand today has more than 265 hotels open with approximately 130 in the development pipeline. Beyond its spacious suites and home-like amenities, additional guest features include an on-site Suite Shop[®] convenience store, complimentary grocery shopping services*, a complete business center, and laundry services at most locations.

Hilton Hotels Corporation is the leading global hospitality company, with more than 3,300 hotels and 550,000 rooms in 77 countries and more than 130,000 team members worldwide. The company owns, manages or franchises some of the best known and highly regarded hotel brands including Hilton[®], Conrad[®] Hotels & Resorts, Doubletree[®], Embassy Suites Hotels[®], Hampton Inn[®], Hampton Inn & Suites[®], Hilton Garden Inn[®], Hilton Grand Vacations[™], Homewood Suites by Hilton[®], the Waldorf Astoria[™] and the Waldorf Astoria Collection[™], as well as the recently launched Home2 Suites by Hilton[™]. The company also manages the world-class guest reward program Hilton HHonors[®].