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Residence Inn by Marriott Richmond Chester opens October 1, 2009

New guestrooms and lobby space helps guests feel more comfortable on extended stays

Chester, VA - October 1, 2009 - Shamin Hotels, one of the leading hotel management companies on the East Coast, today announces the opening of the Residence Inn by Marriott Richmond Chester at 800 Bermuda Road in Chester. Shamin Hotels has opened ten hotels in a twelve month period and is set to finish the year with the opening of the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa at Short Pump Town Center, in December 2009.



The Residence Inn Chester boasts **136** guestrooms and its lobby space and unique spaces were designed to enable guests work & relax at their own pace. The new design features stylish décor, zones to support guest activities of eating, working, and relaxing, the latest in technology, and engaging music and lighting schemes.

“When traveling on a long stay, our guests are looking for space to stretch out, to maintain their life’s pace and to relax and restore their energy in a comfortable environment,” said Katie Tyson, Vice President, brand management, Residence Inn. “Our new InnFusion room and lobby designs were designed to meet these guest needs, providing upscale design with the comforts of the modern home. Our designs enable guests to settle in and thrive.”



The spacious guestrooms feature upscale design with separate “zones” where guests can live, work, eat and sleep at their own pace. Each room features a modern kitchen, complete with granite, porcelain tile,

stainless steel appliances, glass and warm wood; a multi-functional "great room" area with soft seating, a **32 inch LCD Flat Panel** television; a comfortable work station with high-speed Internet connection; a luxurious master bedroom with crisp, clean linens; and a rejuvenating bathroom with granite, flattering lighting, and a clean, fresh design.



The new public area's multi-functional space, upscale design, latest technology and three signature spaces allow guest to relax and unwind on their own terms. The Deck, an open-air living room with comfortable outdoor seating, includes a fire pit, built in barbeque and relaxing music designed to help guests unwind.



The lobby is a warm, friendly environment where guests can make themselves at home throughout the day. It includes a large high-definition TV, free wireless internet access and an area to enjoy Residence Inn's complimentary hot breakfast and evening socials. The Living Room also has an inviting and technically enabled area called The Studies - a perfect place for working, reading or catching up with a colleague or friend.

Residence Inn introduced the term "extended-stay" in 1975 when the first Residence Inn opened to serve the needs of travelers seeking apartment-style accommodations for their longer stays. Today, by providing the comforts of the modern home, including upscale design, spacious suites with full kitchens and separate sleeping areas, Residence Inn is thoughtfully designed to allow the "marathon business traveler" to thrive while on long stays.



A leader in extended-stay lodging, Residence Inn offers more than 550 hotels in 47 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico. Residence Inn participates in the company's award-winning Marriott Rewards® program, which enables members to earn their choice of points toward free vacations or frequent flyer mileage in their preferred airline program for dollars spent at more than 2,500 Marriott hotels in 56 countries.

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 the 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 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 over 500 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 a recipient of awards from its franchisers. For more information, call 804-777-9000 or visit <http://www.shaminhotels.com>.

*For reservations, call the **Residence Inn by Marriot Richmond Chester** directly at 804.530.5501 and is located at 800 Bermuda Road, Chester, VA 23836. Visit us in the web at www.residenceinn.com/ricch*