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**NEW HILTON BALTIMORE BWI AIRPORT AIMS TO INSPIRE WITH ULTRAMODERN DESIGN, CONTEMPORARY AMENITIES AND COMPELLING LOCAL ARTWORK**

**BALTIMORE – October 2, 2006** – With an airy, ultramodern design accentuated by original artwork by local masters, the new 280-room Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport opened today with a mission to energize and rejuvenate weary travelers. The hotel is ideally located adjacent to the airport grounds and 10 miles from Baltimore's Inner Harbor, with its many restaurants, shopping venues and entertainment events. Echoing the Hilton philosophy that travel should be inspiring, artwork from a diverse group of local artists in several distinctive mediums will be displayed throughout the hotel.

The Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport is owned and operated by BPG Hotel Partners XI, LLC, an affiliate of Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc., under a franchise license agreement with Hilton Inns, Inc., a franchising subsidiary of Beverly Hills-based Hilton Hotels Corporation. The hotel is managed by PM Hospitality Strategies, Inc of Washington, D.C.

“Hilton believes that, like artwork, travel should transform and enliven the mind and spirit,” said Jeff Diskin, senior vice president of Hilton brand management. “With its strikingly sleek design; personalized, anticipatory service culture; and collection of original artwork that represents the vibrancy of the Maryland arts scene, we are thrilled to introduce this new hotel as Hilton continues to shape the journeys of travelers around the world.”

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Each of the hotel's 280 guestrooms is furnished with the new Hilton Serenity Collection® of luxurious in-room amenities. The Hilton Serenity Bed features the Serta Suite Dreams® mattress and box springs, Pacific Coast® down duvet, Super Topper mattress pads, and high-quality linens and pillows. The Hilton Serenity Collection in-room coffee system features world-renowned Lavazza® coffee from Italy, and an exclusive Cuisinart® dual-cup, single-brew coffeemaker. The Hilton Serenity Bath Collection offers the exclusive Crabtree & Evelyn La Source® line of bath amenities. In-room entertainment offerings include the easy-to-set Hilton Family alarm clock with MP3 player connectivity and 32" flat-screen High Definition televisions, making it the first hotel at the airport with these in every guestroom. Each guestroom also has an executive desk with an ergonomic chair, wired and wireless high speed internet access, and a hospitality center with a minibar. Guestroom baths continue the unique design elements of the hotel by offering granite counters with semi-recessed sinks, solid wood cabinetry and either a spacious tub and shower combination or a contemporary glass enclosed shower.

For events and banquets, the hotel offers 12,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, including an 8,300 square foot ballroom that can accommodate up to 725 guests and is equipped to handle sophisticated audio/visual productions. Business travelers and meeting attendees can also take advantage of the 24-hour self-service business center.

The hotel's signature three-meal restaurant, *acqua*, is notable for its 21<sup>st</sup>-century interpretation of classic Chesapeake Bay dishes and a carefully chosen wine list. *acqua's* avant-garde design features include a wrap-around glass wall that affords plenty of natural light and a peaceful outdoor seating area surrounded by a wooded embankment. The beautiful room can be partitioned to accommodate private dining and receptions.

For fitness and relaxation, guests can enjoy the sparkling indoor pool and whirlpool, as well as the free-standing, state-of-the-art fitness center with 14 stations of the latest fitness equipment. Hotels guest can also relax on the second floor sundeck with spectacular views of arriving and departing flights from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

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The stunning contemporary artwork on display throughout the hotel includes the work of notable local artists, including Viki Keating, Marie Linnekin, Lorraine Ellerson, Elizabeth Dax, Lisa Masson and Philip Gurlik. These artists, all based in Anne Arundel County, were selected for their diverse styles and distinctive forms of expression. Lisa Masson's maritime photography and Lorraine Ellerson's shore-themed oil paintings will pay tribute to the area's nautical history. Phillip Gurlik will feature his signature acrylics on canvas. Elizabeth Dax's abstract paintings with aluminum leaf detailing will capitalize on the hotel's sunlit interior. Viki Keating's modular fused glass pieces will enhance the brightly lit *acqua* restaurant and its adjacent bar.

In addition to its close proximity to BWI Airport and Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the colonial capital city of Annapolis, Maryland is just a 25 minute drive, while the nation's capital – and its numerous attractions – is only 40 minutes away. Major nearby corporations and government agencies include Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Ciena, Raytheon, Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force.

Travelers staying at this hotel have the opportunity to participate in the Hilton HHonors® guest reward program, allowing guests to earn both hotel points and airline miles for the same stay at more than 2,900 hotels worldwide.

### **GETTING THERE**

The Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport is located in the heart of the BWI Business District at 1739 West Nursery Road, Baltimore (Linthicum), Maryland, United States, 21090. Phone: (410) 694-0808. For more information or to make reservations, contact Hilton Reservations Worldwide at 1-800-445-8667 or visit [www.baltimoreairport.hilton.com](http://www.baltimoreairport.hilton.com).

### **ABOUT HILTON HOTELS**

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## **ABOUT HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION**

Hilton Hotels is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation (NYSE:HLT) the leading global hospitality company, with more than 2,800 hotels and 490,000 rooms in more than 80 countries, including 150,000 team members worldwide.

The company owns, manages or franchises a hotel portfolio of some of the best known and highly regarded brands, including Hilton<sup>®</sup>, Conrad<sup>®</sup>, Coral by Hilton<sup>®</sup>, Doubletree<sup>®</sup>, Embassy Suites Hotels<sup>®</sup>, Hampton Inn<sup>®</sup>, Hampton Inn & Suites<sup>®</sup>, Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup>, Hilton Grand Vacations<sup>™</sup>, Homewood Suites by Hilton<sup>®</sup>, Scandic and The Waldorf=Astoria Collection<sup>™</sup>.

The Hilton Family of Hotels adheres to founder Conrad Hilton's philosophy that, "It has been, and continues to be, our responsibility to fill the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality." The company put a name to its unique brand of service that has made it the best known and most highly regarded hotel company: **be hospitable®**. The philosophy is shared by all 10 brands in the Hilton Family of Hotels, and is the inspiration for its overarching message of kindness and generosity.

Hilton Hotels Corporation's sponsorship of the U.S. Olympic Team will extend through the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, and includes the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Team(s) and the 2007 U.S. Pan-Am Team.

For more information about our company, please visit [www.hiltonworldwide.com](http://www.hiltonworldwide.com), and to learn more about our **be hospitable** philosophy, please visit [www.behospitable.com](http://www.behospitable.com).

## **ABOUT PM HOSPITALITY STRATEGIES, INC. (PMHS)**

Based in Washington, DC, PM Hospitality Strategies Inc. is a privately-owned company providing management, development, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. Currently concentrated in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region, PMHS manages 14 franchised hotels with Hilton and other companies. These hotels represent approximately 2,500 rooms and 1,200 employees.

PMHS is an award-winning hospitality management organization, dedicated to providing leadership within the industry. Since inception, PMHS's total receipts have continually grown faster than industry averages and its same store sales have grown in every year since founding the company - including the difficult years after 9-11. Among its many awards in its 9 years of business, PMHS was recently recognized at the HSMIA Adrian Awards in NYC for advertising and web initiatives.

Experienced in hotel development as well, PMHS has participated in the development and/or renovation of sixteen hotels with 2,500 rooms. These projects encompass well over \$300 million in capital improvements. Additional information about the company may be found at its Web site: [www.pmhs.com](http://www.pmhs.com).

At PM Hospitality Strategies, Inc., hotel excellence is our passion and it shows.

## **ABOUT THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. (Buccini/Pollin)**

Buccini/Pollin is a privately-held, full-service real estate acquisition, development and management company with offices in Wilmington, DE, suburban Philadelphia, Washington DC, and New York City. Buccini/Pollin has developed and acquired hotel, office, multi-family, townhouse, industrial, retail, and parking properties in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions of the United States. Buccini/Pollin has acquired or developed over \$2 billion in assets including six million SF of office, industrial and retail space in 64 buildings, over 2500 hotel rooms in 17 hotels, six major residential communities, and 1,200 covered parking spaces. Buccini/Pollin is the largest privately held office landlord in the Philadelphia region.

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