
Hilton Hotels Moves into Downtown Baltimore; Announces Grand Opening of Hilton Baltimore Adjacent to Convention Center

Hilton Baltimore's Unique Location and Modern Amenities Hit a Home Run with Business and Leisure Travelers as Well as the First Registered Guest

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Aug 25, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE)

– The highly anticipated Hilton Baltimore, a brand new hotel located in Baltimore, Maryland's exciting Inner Harbor area, opened Friday at an official ceremony with registration of the hotel's first guest, Babe Ruth's daughter

Julia Ruth Stevens. General Manager Linda Norman welcomed Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon and special guests, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of the State of Maryland along with invited guests from Baltimore Hotel Corporation, Baltimore Development Corporation and Hilton Hotels Corporation for the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The decision to move forward with this hotel represents one of the crucial moments in our history - when we had the courage to pursue what we might become. Baltimore is already becoming a more desirable destination for tourists and conventions, a city that offers more quality jobs and more affordable housing and a place that promises a brighter future for everyone who lives, works and plays here," said Mayor Dixon.

M. J. "Jay" Brodie, President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) and Chairman of the Baltimore Hotel Corporation stated, "The opening of the Hilton Baltimore Convention Center Hotel is the successful achievement of a major BDC initiative that began in 2003. This success came about only because of the partnership established by the City with the design build team of Hensel Phelps/Doracon/Banks, RTKL and Hilton Hotels. This will be an attraction admired and enjoyed by all city residents for many years to come."

Guests of the 757-room hotel - which includes four deluxe one-bedroom suites, two Executive Suites, two Meeting Planner Suites and Presidential Suites - will

enjoy picturesque views of the Baltimore Orioles' ballpark and proximity to the Baltimore Convention Center. The hotel also features ten hospitality suites with panoramic balcony views of the playing field.

The Hilton Baltimore is owned by Baltimore Hotel Corporation, a Maryland-based non-profit corporation, and managed by Hilton Management LLC, an affiliate of the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

"The Hilton Baltimore inhabits a prominent space in both the commercial and cultural heart of Baltimore," said Jeff Diskin, senior vice president, Brand Management - Hilton Hotels & Resorts. "This is our third Hilton Hotel in the Baltimore area and we are excited to add this unique property to our portfolio and to hosting the growing number of business and leisure visitors flocking to this dynamic city."

Located at the Baltimore Convention Center, the Hilton Baltimore was built with special attention to the needs of event organizers and business travelers. The property offer the largest number of guest rooms in the city and also features the city's largest ballroom at 25,000 ft. Event planners can also choose from ample meeting facilities ranging from 60,000 ft of flexible function space, to the 15,000 ft junior ballroom, as well as an additional 20,000 ft of space. The Hilton Baltimore is the only hotel in the city providing an enclosed pedestrian sky bridge to the Baltimore Convention Center. All meeting rooms provide wired and wireless high-speed Internet access, video messaging and conferencing capabilities, and the hotel provides a professional audio/video and event services team to help ensure that every event runs smoothly. Business travelers and event guests are further accommodated by the property's 24-hour business center, as well as its executive floor with lounge.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor is the ideal base for exploring the city's offerings. Guests can take advantage of historic attractions, world class museums, sumptuous restaurants, as well as nationally renowned shopping and performing arts venues -- all within walking distance of the hotel. Reflecting Baltimore's thriving cultural scene, the hotel displays works by 30 local artists throughout its public spaces. For guests looking to maintain their health and fitness routines the hotel features a 24-hour fitness center featuring state-of-the-art Hilton Fitness by Precor(R) equipment, as well as an indoor pool. To refuel between meetings, site-seeing or ballgames, the Diamond Tavern boasts new American cuisine amid a sophisticated yet comfortable setting. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Diamond Tavern also hosts 20 high definition televisions ideal for catching any exciting sporting event throughout the year. Guests can also unwind with a signature drink and tantalizing appetizers in The Lobby Bar*.

Each beautifully appointed guestroom is furnished with the Hilton Serenity Collection(R) of amenities, which includes the Hilton Serenity Bed with the Serta (R) Suite Dreams(R) mattress and box springs, Pacific Coast(R) down duvet, Super Topper mattress pads and top-quality linens and pillows. Standard amenities will also include the Hilton Serenity Bath Collection, featuring the exclusive Crabtree and Evelyn line of La Source(R) bath products; a Cuisinart(R) dual-cup, single brew coffeemaker and Lavazza(R) coffee; the easy-to-set Hilton Family alarm clock with MP3 player connectivity; high-speed Internet with

wireless access; and a 32-inch LCD flat screen television.

The Hilton Baltimore is conveniently located at 401 West Pratt Street, at the Baltimore Convention Center, only 10 miles from the Baltimore/Washington International Airport and 75 miles from Washington Dulles International Airport. For more information or to make reservations, contact Hilton Reservations Worldwide at 1-800-445-8667 or visit www.hilton.com.

* Service of alcohol is subject to state and local laws. Must be of legal drinking age.

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