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“TUTANKHAMUN: THE GOLDEN KING AND THE GREAT PHAROAHS”HOTEL PACKAGES WITH EXCLUSIVE VIP ANY TIME ACCESS TICKETS GO ON SALE.

Indianapolis, IN (April 27, 2009) – As tickets go on sale for “Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs,” a new exhibition featuring more than 130 treasures from the tomb of celebrated pharaoh King Tutankhamun and other ancient Egyptian sites, Indianapolis hotel operator and King Tut hotel partner, General Hotels Corporation, announces exclusive VIP King Tut packages available at a number of it’s hotel properties.

The exhibition will premiere at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis from June 25, 2009 to October 25, 2009 and is organized by National Geographic, AEG Live, Arts and Exhibitions International with cooperation from the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor of the tour, and American Airlines is the official airline. Additional exhibit information is available at www.kingtut.org.

“As the hotel partner of the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis and the King Tut Indianapolis exhibition, we are thrilled to offer the area’s only King Tut hotel packages featuring exclusive VIP tickets for anytime access,” states Jim Dora, Jr., General Hotels Corporation president and chief executive officer. “Our packages will feature exclusive VIP jump-to-the-front-of-the-line any day any time tickets including sold out dates which are not available to the general public,” continues Dora. “With the excitement since the exhibit announcement, we anticipate the packages will be well received and are pleased that our hotel group can play a role in these extraordinary objects being seen by thousands of out-of-town visitors.” The hotel restaurants and lounges will be featuring Egyptian themed beverages including Egyptian Sunrise, “Tut-Tini” and Pharaoh’s Fire cocktails.

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Adult and family packages with accommodations, breakfast, Children's Museum of Indianapolis admission and exclusive VIP King Tut tickets for anytime access that are not available to the general public are being offered at Indianapolis area hotels, including Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids, Homewood Suites by Hilton at the Crossing, Holiday Inn East and Holiday Inn Express South. Packages are being offered at Courtyard by Marriott in Kokomo as well. More detailed information is available at www.kingtuthotels.com.

About the Exhibition

Premiering June 27, 2009 to October 25, 2009, at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, "Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs" will feature striking objects from some of the most important rulers throughout 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian history, from the 4th Dynasty into the Late Period (about 2600 B.C. – 660 B.C.). Derived from a variety of contexts, including temples and royal and private tombs, many of these artifacts have never before visited the United States.

Tutankhamun was one of the last kings of Egypt's 18th Dynasty and ruled during a crucial, turmoil-filled period of Egyptian history. The boy king died under mysterious circumstances around age 18 or 19, in the ninth year of his reign (1323 B.C.).

The exhibition will highlight more than 50 treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb and more than 70 artifacts representing other pharaohs and notables, along with the latest scientific research about King Tut. The storyline will focus on the splendor of the Egyptian pharaohs, their function in the earthly and divine works, and what kingship meant to the Egyptian people. Four galleries devoted to King Tut will correspond to the four rooms of his nearly intact tomb, where British explorer Howard Carter discovered the treasures in 1922. Legendary artifacts from the antechamber, the annex, the treasury and the burial chamber will include Tutankhamun's golden sandals, jewelry furniture, weaponry and statuary.

About General Hotels Corporation

General Hotels Corporation is an Indianapolis based hotel management company operating 11 hotels located throughout central Indiana. Indianapolis hotels include Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids and Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park, Holiday Inn East, Holiday Inn Express South and Homewood Suites by Hilton at the Crossing. General Hotels Corporation operates Homewood Suites by Hilton and Hampton Inn in Lafayette, IN; Holiday Inn and SpringHill Suites by Marriott in Terre Haute, IN and Courtyard by Marriott in Kokomo, IN. Additional information is available at www.GenHotels.com.

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About the Children's Museum of Indianapolis

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is a non-profit institution committed to creating extraordinary family learning experiences that have the power to transform the lives of children and families. The 433,000 square-foot facility houses 11 major galleries. The Children's Museum, situated on 19 acres of land in Indianapolis, presents hundreds of programs and activities each year. For more information about The Children's Museum, visit ChildrensMuseum.org.

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