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**Marriott International, Inc. Awards TownePlace Suites by Marriott Franchise for Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, IL Area**

Indianapolis, IN (February 19, 2016) Edwardsville Hospitality, LLC, a joint venture of R.L.P. Development Company of Edwardsville, IL and Indianapolis based General Hotels Corporation, announced Friday that Marriott International, Inc. has awarded them a franchise for a 90 room TownePlace Suites hotel project. Targeting the extended stay traveler, the new TownePlace Suites by Marriott will be built at the corner of Route 157 and Center Grove Road in Edwardsville.

“Edwardsville and Glen Carbon are great communities and we are honored to receive Marriott’s endorsement for this project,” said Robert Plummer, President and CEO of R.L.P. Development. “With a TownePlace Suites franchise, we look forward to bringing an excellent facility and award-winning extended stay lodging to the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area” added Plummer.

Plans call for the new TownePlace Suites by Marriott to offer 90 studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites featuring fully equipped kitchens and separate living/working and sleeping areas. The hotel will also offer guests a 24-hour business center, wireless Internet access, meeting rooms, guest laundry, convenience market, swimming pool, whirlpool, fitness center, and complimentary hot breakfast as well as 24-hour coffee service.

A leading Midwest owner/operator and third-party management company and hotel co-owner, General Hotels Corporation will oversee the hotel’s day-to-day operation.

**About TownePlace Suites by Marriott**

TownePlace Suites is an all-suite hotel brand designed for long-stays with moderately priced rooms. Launched in 1997, the brand currently has 200 locations in the United States. TownePlace Suites 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 3,100 Marriott hotels around the world. Visit [www.towneplacesuites.com](http://www.towneplacesuites.com).

**About R.L.P. Development Company, Inc.**

An affiliate of R.P. Lumber Co., Inc. and Plummer Cos. and based in Edwardsville, IL, the organization owns 11 hotels and is one of the St. Louis area’s largest privately held companies, operating 59 lumber yards, two truss plants, two Berkshire Hathaway real estate offices, numerous residential subdivisions, and retail, office and light industrial properties totaling over two million square feet. In addition to the planned TownePlace Suites by Marriott, additional franchises held include Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, and Wingate brands.

**About General Hotels Corporation**

General Hotels Corporation is a leading hotel owner/operator, developer and third-party management company. The Indianapolis based organization operates 47 hotels representing over 4,000 guestrooms. General Hotels Corporation’s portfolio includes independent hotels and franchises of nationally recognized brand hotels across full service, select service and extended stay segments including Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Courtyard, SpringHill Suites and Best Western. Visit [GenHotels.com](http://GenHotels.com).