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THG Celebrates Grand Opening of its Hilton Garden Inn in Seattle/Bothell

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to officially introduce the 128-room hotel near Seattle to city officials, local businesses and the growing community; First Hilton in the Bothell market

Bothell, Wash. — January 18, 2011 — The Hotel Group (THG) gathered at 22600 Bothell Everett Highway to celebrate the Grand Opening of its Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Bothell, the first Hilton brand hotel in the local market. Located just north of Seattle, the new hotel officially opened its doors October 14, 2010. The property features 128 guestrooms with 12 suites including three spa suites, an indoor pool and spa, fitness center, on-site Great American Grill and Lounge, complimentary and fully-equipped 24-hour business center, and wireless Internet access throughout the facility.



Above: (From left) LeeAnne Brawner, HGI Director of Sales, Robert Lee, THG Vice President, Chip Peterson, HGI General Manager, Jeff Gouge, THG Regional General Manager, and Doug Dreher, THG President and CEO, cut the ribbon at the Hilton Garden Inn Bothell to celebrate its Grand Opening.



"The Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Bothell was destined for success," said Chip Peterson, property General Manager. "It had a solid loyalty base long before we opened the doors, with group reservations and social gatherings on the books for many months, and local businesses calling and requesting meeting space and corporate room blocks. We attribute much of this success to the Hilton brand and its Hilton Honors loyalty program; our location, which is attracting business travelers coming to Bothell, Seattle, Everett, Lynnwood and Woodinville; the marketing expertise of our management company THG; and, the full-service style and functionality of the physical property itself, which boasts 3,500 square feet of meeting space, including a 2,100 square-foot ballroom."

"The positive comments we received about this property from the many local businesses and city officials who attended our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony -- which included tours of the property and guestrooms -- were outstanding," said Doug Dreher, THG President and CEO. "With our corporate offices in Edmonds, we are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to manage a hotel in our backyard. THG is known for always delivering the best in quality, value and service, and with our commitment to true Hospitality Greatness, the foundation on which THG does business every day, we are confident this hotel will be successful in this market."

THG currently manages and/or owns 27 properties, representing 14 brands, in 10 states. Over the past 26 years, THG has managed more than 100 properties in 20 states and directed the design and construction of more than 30 new lodging properties.

For more information on the Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Bothell, visit www.seattlebothell.hgi.com. For more information on THG and the services it offers, visit www.thehotelgroup.com.

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About The Hotel Group

THG is a nationally recognized Top 40 hotel company and currently manages and/or owns 27 properties in 10 states, representing 14 brands and employs more than 1,300 people. Since its inception in 1984, THG has managed more than 100 properties in 20 states, directed the design and construction of 30 new hotels, completed the acquisition of more than \$125 million in private investment as the sponsor of Hotel Group Opportunity Funds I, II, III and IV. For more information, visit www.thehotelgroup.com or call 425-771-1788.

About Hilton Garden Inns

Hilton Garden Inn is Hilton Worldwide's award-winning, mid-priced brand that strives to provide business travelers with everything they need to be most productive on the road. Each Hilton Garden Inn features the Pavilion Pantry® market filled with microwaveable items and sundries; a restaurant offering hot cooked-to-order breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner (in most locations); the Stay Fit Kit® that guests can check out to keep up with their fitness regime in the privacy of their room or in the complimentary workout facility; and an on-site guest laundry facility. There are 350 Hilton Garden Inns up and operating, with another 120 under development. For more information, visit www.hiltonworldwide.com.