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IHG ANNOUNCES NEW HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS® AND SUITES IN KISSIMMEE *Palm Holdings opens hotel after major renovation*

ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov. 2, 2017) – IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) and international hospitality developer Palm Holdings today announced the opening of the newly renovated 162-room Holiday Inn Express® and Suites, South Lake Buena Vista.

The hotel, located at 5001 Calypso Cay Way in Kissimmee, was formerly the independent Inn at Calypso Cay Hotel Orlando. Located less than five miles from Orlando's world-class theme parks, the hotel offers travelers attractions, shopping and dining minutes away.



The 162-room Holiday Inn Express® and Suites, South Lake Buena Vista, has opened after a multi-million dollar renovation.

The Holiday Inn Express® and Suites, South Lake Buena Vista, offers guests access to the adjacent resort and all of its amenities, including three pools, waterslides, a poolside bar, splash pads, sports court and more. The hotel also provides a tour desk to help guests plan the perfect vacation and complimentary transportation to nearby theme parks.

“Our team has been working incredibly hard transitioning this hotel with the intention to make this the No. 1 Holiday Inn Express® in the world,” said President Anil Taneja. “With our amazing team members, extensive amenities and proximity to Disney, we believe we can make this possible.”

As part of the transition to the Holiday Inn Express® brand, the hotel has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation. The style was selected specifically to offer guests what they expect from the Holiday Inn Express® brand—fresh, sleek and distinctive accommodations for the smart travel experience.

The transition also means guests get more with Holiday Inn Express® standard offerings. New guest rooms feature Refresh Stations, which include a mini refrigerator, microwave and Keurig coffee maker for added comfort. Guests also enjoy free high-speed internet and a

complimentary Express Start breakfast bar with a full range of breakfast items, including a variety of healthy selections and hot and cold options.

“We are thrilled to hear about the opening of the newly renovated Holiday Inn Express® and Suites hotel in Kissimmee,” said DT Minich, President/CEO of Experience Kissimmee. “Yearly, more than 8 million vacationers stay in our area. This new hotel will attract even more guests to discover all the incredible experiences Kissimmee offers.”

Palm Holdings purchased the hotel in late 2015. It is part of the company’s 750 rooms under ownership and management in Florida, with 12 properties around the world.

Palm Holdings continues to look for opportunities to grow and invest in Florida due to the development of the area’s many attractions. The company also acquired the Holiday Inn Orlando SW—Celebration Area earlier this year.

Palm Holdings recently won the InterContinental Hotels Group 2017 Developer of the Year Award for its work on another IHG property, the Holiday Inn Express® and Suites Halifax-Bedford, Canada. It received the Developer of the Year Award for North America for Marriott Hotels in 2015 and is the recipient of numerous other industry awards globally.

For more information on Palm Holdings, visit www.palm-holdings.com.

For bookings at the Holiday Inn Express® South Lake Buena Vista, visit: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/kissimmee/ismks/hoteldetail>.

About Palm Holdings

Palm Holdings is an international hospitality and commercial development company specializing in acquiring, improving and managing hotels across North America and the United Kingdom. The family controlled company offers a wide range of business services including [Palm Hospitality](#), an international hotel management and consultancy company; [Palm Construction](#) specializing in capital improvements, new developments and retrofits for hotels; as well as [Palm Ventures](#), an equity services firm dedicated to acquiring and holding hospitality related real estate. Palm Holdings is one of the fastest growing hospitality firms with a portfolio spanning across three countries: the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The company builds brand equity through franchise models, management contracts, and outsourcing services with leading companies such as Marriott, IHG, Starwood, Choice Hotels, and many others. It is the winner of the Marriott Developer of the Year Award for North America in 2015 and IHG’s Developer of the Year Award in 2017. For more details please go to <http://www.palm-holdings.com/>.

About the Holiday Inn Express® brand

Holiday Inn Express® hotels are modern hotels for value-oriented travelers. Fresh, clean and uncomplicated, Holiday Inn Express hotels offer competitive rates for both business and leisure travelers. Guests Stay Smart® at Holiday Inn Express hotels where they enjoy a free hot Express Start™ breakfast bar with new healthier offerings, free high-speed Internet access and free local phone calls (U.S. and Canada only). There are currently more than 2,375 Holiday Inn Express hotel locations around the globe. For more information about Holiday Inn Express hotels or to book reservations,

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IHG manages [IHG® Rewards Club](#), the world's first and largest hotel loyalty programme with nearly 86 million members worldwide. The programme was relaunched in July 2013, offering enhanced benefits for members including free internet across all hotels, globally.

IHG franchises, leases, manages or owns more than 4,900 hotels and 720,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries, with more than 1,200 hotels in its development pipeline. Over 350,000 people work across IHG's hotels and corporate offices worldwide.

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