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SAN ANTONIO HAWTHORN SUITES RIVERWALK NAMED HOTEL of THE YEAR in HAWTHORN SYSTEM

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The Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk in San Antonio was named the Hawthorn Suites Hotel of Year for 2005 at the annual conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to earning the prestigious and coveted Hotel of the Year award, the property was recognized for their community service throughout the San Antonio area.

General Manager, Lisa Riddle, commented, "Naturally we are very honored to receive this award and want to recognize each and every associate that works for the hotel, as they are the ones that made earning this award possible. To be singled out as the best in what we do of all the Hawthorn Suites family of hotels nationwide, is a testament to the great team we have at the Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk."

The award was presented in front of the entire Hawthorn system of 105 hotels and franchise management team to the San Antonio Riverwalk property. Also in attendance from the hotel was Director of Sales, Nancy Myers, who remarked, "It is just such an honor to be acknowledged for all the dedication the staff puts into the hotel all year. For it to come to fruition as Hotel of the Year is something we can all be proud of."

About the Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk

The hotel has 149 well-appointed guest rooms and suites. The Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk is the perfect choice for your next visit to San Antonio. The hotel features oversized studio suites with all the amenities to ensure your total satisfaction. Located on the north end of the world famous San Antonio Riverwalk, this beautiful hotel offers service and quality that will make you feel truly special. Our team is ready for your visit; prepare yourself for a great hotel experience. Complimentary deluxe hot breakfast is served daily in the spacious lobby. Adjacent to the Southwestern themed dining area is an outdoor pool and sundeck that overlooks the Riverwalk. High-speed Internet is available complimentary to all guests in their rooms, as well as the public areas of the hotel. The Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk participates in all Hawthorn sponsored promotions, including the industry coveted Hyatt Gold Passport® loyalty program.

The Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk is located at 830 N. St. Mary's on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. Conveniently located just off Interstate 35, the hotel is near several restaurants and entertainment venues in San Antonio. Providing quick access to the entire San Antonio Riverwalk and The Alamo, the hotel is on the water taxi route. For additional information, please visit: www.hawthorn-riverwalk.com

About Hawthorn Suites

Hawthorn Suites are upscale extended stay hotels with such value-added comforts as daily complimentary hot breakfast buffet and social hours, exercise and meeting facilities, 24-hour front desk service, guest laundry and valet service, swimming pool and spa, and convenience store. Most locations offer free wireless high speed Internet access and extended cable TV with a premium movie channel. Spacious studio, one- and two-bedroom suites are equipped with full- or wet-bar kitchens, work desks with ergonomic chairs and personal voice mail. Hawthorn guests earn points or miles in the Hyatt Gold Passport® frequency program with each eligible stay.

About Vista Host

Vista Host manages the Hawthorn Suites Riverwalk - a Houston based hotel management company serving owners of Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Residence Inn by Marriott, Hawthorn Suites, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Comfort Suites, and AmeriSuites. Founded in 1977 by Michael V. Harrell, Vista Host operates 28 hotels throughout the United States. Vista Host also operates the Austin Arboretum Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn, as well as the Hampton Inn Round Rock, TX. To learn more about Vista Host and their other managed select service properties, visit <u>www.vistahost.com</u>.

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