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HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON® NAMED BEST UPSCALE EXTENDED-STAY CHAIN IN A NATIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY

HOUSTON, TX– March 24, 2005 - Homewood Suites by Hilton®, the national brand of upscale, residential-style hotels, today announced it has been ranked the nation’s No. 1 upper upscale extended-stay hotel chain by the annual *Business Travel News* consumer survey of top U.S. hotels.

This recognition marks the second year in a row – the fourth year overall -- for Homewood Suites by Hilton to receive a top designation in the *Business Travel News* survey. The survey measures the opinions of business-travel related decision-makers such as corporate travel managers and business travel agents.

Survey results, which were published in the February 7, 2005 issue of *Business Travel News*, revealed Homewood Suites by Hilton scored the highest in six survey categories out of nine total, including “Corporate Rate Programs,” “Appearance of Hotels,” “Quality and Variety of In-room Amenities,” “Quality Business Center,” “Quality In-room Business Amenities,” and “Overall Price to Value relationship.”

The Homewood Suites by Hilton Austin Arboretum, located at 10925 Stonelake Blvd. in Austin, Texas, and the Homewood Suites by Hilton Charlotte Douglas Airport, located at 2770 Yorkmont in Charlotte, North Carolina, backs their quality with an unconditional 100% Satisfaction Guarantee, which means if a guest is not completely satisfied with their stay, that night’s stay is free. Vista Host manages both the Homewood Suites by Hilton Austin Arboretum and the Homewood Suites by Hilton Charlotte Douglas Airport.

“We are proud to be a part of the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand and its top ranking in the *BTN* survey,” said Gaylen Howard, Area Director of Sales of the 97-suite Homewood Suites by Hilton Austin Arboretum. “This recognition is further evidence of our team members’ commitment to provide the kind of service and exceptional lodging experience that encourages extended-stay guests and families to seek out our hotel whenever they travel to Austin, TX.”

Cindi Obermeyer, General Manager of the Homewood Suites Charlotte commented, “It’s not surprising that Homewood Suites by Hilton won this award for two consecutive years with the focus we spend on service and value to the guests. Once again it is an honor to be associated with such a guest focused brand.”

Launched in 1989, the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand today has more than 140 hotels open with another 85 in the pipeline. Beyond its spacious suites and home-like amenities, Homewood Suites guests can find at each hotel an on-site Suite Shop® convenience store, exercise facility, and guest laundry at most

locations. Guests can also enjoy a daily complimentary Suite Start™ hot breakfast and a Welcome Home® reception featuring complimentary light meal and beverages† Monday-Thursday evenings in the hotel's Lodge. Additional guest services at Homewood Suites by Hilton hotels include a complimentary grocery shopping service* and a complete business center at most locations. Most Homewood Suites locations also feature a swimming pool and outdoor sports court.

To make reservations at a Homewood Suites by Hilton hotel, travelers can visit the Homewood Suites Web site at homewoodsuites.com or call 1-800-CALL-HOME®. Homewood Suites participates in the Hilton HHonors® guest reward program, which allows its members to DoubleDip® by simultaneously accumulating both hotel points and airline miles with each qualifying stay.

Homewood Suites by Hilton is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation, which is recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. The company develops, owns, manages or franchises more than 2,100 hotels, resorts, and vacation ownership properties. Its portfolio includes many of the industry's best known and most highly regarded hotel brands, including Hilton®, Conrad®, Doubletree®, Embassy Suites Hotels®, Hampton Inn®, Hampton Inn & Suites®, Hilton Garden Inn®, Hilton Grand Vacations Club® and Homewood Suites by Hilton®.

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