

CARLSON OPENS FIRST PARK INN BY RADISSON HOTEL IN NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Jan. 11, 2012) – [Carlson](#), a global hospitality and travel company, today announced the further expansion of the Park Inn by Radisson brand in North America with the opening of the [Park Inn by Radisson Hotel & Water Park, Albuquerque, N.M.](#)

“The opening of the first Park Inn by Radisson in New Mexico represents the continued momentum of our *Ambition 2015* growth strategy and is aligned with plans to grow Park Inn by Radisson as a winning midscale brand in North America,” said Thorsten Kirschke, president, Carlson Hotels, Americas.

The brand has grown to more than 121 hotels in operation globally with 61 hotels currently in development.

“We look forward to offering a bright, bold and fresh, uncomplicated, friendly and fun environment that provides both business and leisure travelers with the affordable hotel experience they desire,” said Michael Gallegos, president and CEO, Pacific Pearl Hotel Management, LLC, owning company of the Park Inn by Radisson Albuquerque, N.M.

The 290-room hotel features a large on-site water park with water slides, a wave pool, lazy river, waterfalls and more. The water park can accommodate just over 700 people. The hotel also offers an indoor pool, a fitness center, a business center and free Wi-Fi access. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are available in Brio Grille Restaurant, the hotel’s restaurant serving American and New Mexican cuisine. The hotel can accommodate events with 26,000 square feet of flexible meeting space.

The Park Inn by Radisson Albuquerque is located seven miles from Albuquerque International Sunport and offers complimentary shuttle service. For reservations and more information, visit <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-albuquerque>

About Carlson

Carlson is a global hospitality and travel company headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. Carlson encompasses 1,070 hotels, including, Radisson®, Country Inns & Suites By CarlsonSM, Park Inn by Radisson and Park Plaza®; more than 900 T.G.I. Friday’s® restaurants; and a majority stake in Carlson Wagonlit Travel®, the global leader in business travel management. Carlson operates in more than 150 countries and its brands employ more than 170,000 people. <http://www.carlson.com>

About Pacific Pearl Hotel Management, LLC

Pacific Pearl Hotel Management, LLC., one of the nation's largest independent hotel companies, is based in San Diego, California and Albuquerque, New Mexico. With a portfolio value of over \$2 billion, APMC currently owns and operates 30 lodging properties encompassing over 6,500 rooms and employs over 2,000 personnel throughout the United States. In addition to a successful network of independent hotels, boutique properties and resorts, APMC's hotel flags have included Radisson, Le Meridien, Sheraton, Hilton, Wyndham, Doubletree, Hilton Garden Inn and Holiday Inns. For more information on APMC, please visit our website at www.apmc.net.

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