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### **STONE CREEK LODGING ANNOUNCES OPENING OF CANDLEWOOD SUITES® FLOWOOD**

*Flowood's first Extended Stay hotel, the Candlewood Suites, is open for business*

**ATLANTA** (October 9, 2009) – IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) [LON: IHG; NYSE: IHG (ADRs)], the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms announced today that the 113-room Candlewood Suites Flowood is now open. The hotel features the brand's new prototype design, offering a comfortable residential look and feel incorporating a new exterior and paint scheme, an expanded lobby and environmentally-friendly amenities.

"We're excited to bring our new prototype design to Flowood," said Gina LaBarre, vice president, Brand Delivery, the Americas, IHG. "This is the first major interior and exterior redesign for us, and we think our guests will be pleased with the updated townhouse look, along with all of the other great offerings Candlewood Suites is known for," she added.

The Candlewood Suites Flowood incorporates the new exterior design with a straight, forward-facing rectangular building including a new entry way and roofline for curb appeal. In addition to the new building shape, the exterior color scheme features light khaki, olive green, tan and dark blue. The new hotel has an increased outdoor residential feel with a centrally located Gazebo Grill and additional landscaping.

The interior of the Candlewood Suites Flowood features an expanded lobby area accommodating multiple sitting areas with comfortable furniture and a 42-inch flat screen television that creates a living room-type gathering place for guests. The new lobby was designed to encourage more interaction among guests and between guests and hotel team members.

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The Candlewood Suites Flowood is also decreasing water and energy consumption through the use of environmentally-friendly amenities, including low-flow shower heads and toilets, Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs), increased natural light and sodium vapor fixtures.

“We’re honored to be among the first Candlewood Suites properties to open with the new prototype design, and we’re excited to show off the new look,” said David Christopher, general manager. “This hotel was carefully designed to meet the particular needs of extended-stay travelers, and our guests will find that the design of our spacious suites and the hotel’s amenities will allow them to live comfortably and keep a daily routine similar to that of home.”

Guests at the Flowood property can take advantage of the just-like-home amenities available at all Candlewood Suites hotels, including complimentary high-speed Internet access, free local phone calls, free on-site guest laundry and a 24-hour fitness center. Unique to Candlewood Suites, guests can also enjoy the convenience of the Candlewood Cupboard<sup>®</sup>, where a variety of beverages, breakfast items, snacks, frozen entrees and sundries can be purchased on the honor system at any time and where guests can enjoy complimentary Juan Valdez freshly brewed coffee. Additionally, guests of the Candlewood Suites can visit the free Lending Library, where movies and music are available for use in guestrooms, which all feature a DVD and CD player.

Candlewood Suites guestrooms feature studio or one-bedroom suite floor plans with a full kitchen, comfortable recliner, large workspace with desk chair and overhead lighting. Each of the hotel’s 113 guest suites feature the brand’s Comforts of Home™ Bedding Collection with upgraded mattresses and box spring sets, mattress topper, fluffy duvet inserts and poly-cotton covers matching the hotel’s color scheme, 250-thread count micro-check sateen sheets in “Candlelight”, triple sheeting, contemporary cotton estate blankets, choice of three upgraded pillow types in firm, medium and feather and a decorative “Consider Us Home” pillow.

The new property is located at 3810 Flowood Drive, just minutes from I-55 and I-20 are also a short drive away from the hotel.

Candlewood Suites participates in IHG’s guest loyalty program, Priority Club<sup>®</sup> Rewards. The industry’s first and largest guest loyalty program has 44 million members. Priority Club Rewards membership is free and guests can enroll by logging on at [priorityclub.com](http://priorityclub.com), by calling 1-888-

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211-9874 or by inquiring at the front desk of this hotel or any of IHG's more than 4,300 hotels worldwide.

Candlewood Suites was recently recognized by *Lodging Hospitality* magazine as one of the industry's top growing brands.

For more information or to book a reservation at any one of the more than 200 Candlewood Suites hotels across the U.S. or Canada, go to [www.candlewoodsuites.com](http://www.candlewoodsuites.com) or call 1-888-CANDLEWOOD.

The Candlewood Suites Flowood is owned by Stone Creek Lodging and managed by MMI Hotel Group, under a license agreement with a company in the InterContinental Hotels Group, and is located at 3810 Flowood Drive. Telephone: 601-326-3600; Facsimile: 601-326-3601.

### Notes to Editors:

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