

## **PRESS RELEASE – WIDEWATERS CONSTRUCTION BREAKS GROUND ON EXPANSION/RENOVATION OF HILTON GARDEN INN PORTLAND MAINE**

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Widewaters Construction, Inc. (an affiliate of Syracuse, NY based Widewaters Group, Inc.) has announced the groundbreaking of a 36-room expansion to the Hilton Garden Inn Portland (ME) airport. The property is situated at 145 Jetport Blvd. within several hundred yards of the newly expanded jetport terminal. As part of the expansion, all existing guest rooms will be completely renovated. Public spaces will also be refurbished including the Hilton Garden Inn “Project Grow” conversion.

The four-story expansion will connect the west end of the existing structure which was developed and built by Widewaters in 2001. “We have plans to sequence the expansion and renovation to limit the impact on our guests” said Stephen Ranieri, VP of Design and Construction for Widewaters. “We have extensive experience with renovations of operating hotels and understand the importance of protecting our guests from disruption.”

When completed, the Hilton Garden Inn Portland Airport will have 124 king or double-queen bedrooms featuring the brands’ Signature Garden Sleep bed. Each hotel guestroom features a high-definition television, an ergonomic desk chair, a spacious and clutter-free work desk, speaker telephones equipped with data ports and voicemail. Guests will also benefit from the complimentary 24-hour business center featuring Printspot’s Remote Printing, which allows wireless printing from any laptop or smartphone.

### **ABOUT WIDEWATERS**

Widewaters is a vertically integrated real estate organization with over 30 years of development, construction, management, and investment experience. Leveraging its entrepreneurial instincts, capital, and expertise, Widewaters continues to develop and acquire quality real estate across North America.

Widewaters has developed or acquired over 11 million square feet of retail, office, residential, and hospitality projects totaling over \$1.25 billion in value. Widewaters develops and manages all of its properties through its operating and management companies, The Widewaters Group, Inc. and Widewaters Hotels, LLC. Construction is performed through its affiliate Widewaters Construction, Inc.

Widewaters is based in Syracuse, New York with additional operations in the Charlotte, North Carolina and Salt Lake City, Utah areas. In-house capabilities include: acquisitions, site selection, entitlements, feasibility, legal, leasing, financing, accounting, construction, property management, hotel management, and asset management.

### **ABOUT HILTON WORLDWIDE**

Hilton Worldwide is a leading global hospitality company, spanning the lodging sector from luxurious full-service hotels and resorts to extended-stay suites and mid-priced hotels. For 94 years, Hilton Worldwide has offered business and leisure travelers the finest in accommodations, service, amenities and value. The company is dedicated to continuing its tradition of providing exceptional guest experiences across its global brands. Its brands are comprised of more than 4,000 hotels and timeshare properties, with more than 650,000 rooms in 90 countries and territories and include Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Hilton Hotels & Resorts, DoubleTree by Hilton, Embassy Suites Hotels, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Hotels, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Home2 Suites by Hilton and Hilton Grand Vacations. The company also manages the world-class guest reward program Hilton HHonors®. Visit [www.hiltonworldwide.com](http://www.hiltonworldwide.com) for more information and connect with Hilton Worldwide at [www.facebook.com/hiltonworldwide](https://www.facebook.com/hiltonworldwide), [www.twitter.com/hiltonworldwide](https://www.twitter.com/hiltonworldwide), [www.youtube.com/hiltonworldwide](https://www.youtube.com/hiltonworldwide), [www.flickr.com/hiltonworldwide](https://www.flickr.com/hiltonworldwide) and [www.linkedin.com/company/hilton-worldwide](https://www.linkedin.com/company/hilton-worldwide).

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