



## **Premiere Hotel and Suites Completes \$4 Million Renovation**

### *New Haven's First Green Hotel*

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (May 14, 2008) --- Saunders Hotel Group, LLC (SHG) of Boston unveils the newest addition to its hotel portfolio with the official re-opening of Premiere Hotel and Suites. Located at 3 Long Wharf Drive, in New Haven, Connecticut, this all-suite, extended stay hotel is celebrating the finishing touches on a \$4 million complete renovation project. Premiere Hotel and Suites is the perfect place to call home while visiting nearby Yale University or exploring many New Haven attractions such as the Long Wharf Harbor area, The Maritime Aquarium and The Shubert Performing Arts Center. "We are delighted to welcome guests to the newly renovated Premiere Hotel and Suites from the local businesses and universities as well as from around the world," said Mariann Aherne, General Manager.

The Premiere Hotel and Suites, formerly a Marriott Residence Inn, features 112 one and two bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens, most with working fireplaces, separate living and dining areas. The hotel brings Saunders Hotel Group's award-winning environmentally responsible practices to New Haven. Implementing innovative eco-friendly campaigns, since 1989, SHG is recognized as an eco-pioneer in the travel industry. SHG continues to expand and refine its industry leading program while consistently enhancing its reputation for quality, service and elegance.

"Our renovation touched every aspect of the hotel, from the exterior and newly designed gatehouse reception area, to the workout facility and all-new meeting space." said Jeffrey G. Saunders, President & CEO of the Saunders Hotel Group. He continued, "We are also proud to be New Haven's first green hotel and are committed to reducing our environmental footprint, while we protect the quality hotel experience our guests expect."

Eco initiatives includes an active Green Team at the hotel, recycling systems, low VOC cleaning products, energy star purchasing policy, reduced flow showerheads, towel and sheet re-use program and a 100% tobacco-free environment.

Premiere Hotel and Suites is an ideal hotel for travelers whether they are visiting for business or pleasure. Complimentary amenities include high speed internet (wired and wireless), local calls, business center, daily hot breakfast buffet, hosted light dinner (Monday-Thursday), a seasonal outdoor pool and whirlpool, 24/7 market, fitness room and on-site laundry facilities. The pet-friendly hotel also features in-room 32-inch HD flat screen televisions and luxurious pillow-top beds and linens and is wheelchair-accessible. The 640 square-foot meeting space at the hotel can accommodate business conferences, seminars, board meetings or training sessions. "I have had the pleasure of staying at the hotel for over 6 months. My suite is exceptional and the entire staff has made me feel at home," said Tim Solt an extended stay guest.

To meet the demand of eco-conscious travelers, the Premiere Hotel has just announced a new eco-friendly package to start this summer. "It's Easy to be Green" will include a suite, walking maps and self-guided tour of New Haven, a list of area farmer's markets and parks and a selection of healthy snacks.

Located 4.5 miles from Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport, the New Haven Premiere Hotel and Suites provides complimentary shuttle service to the airport (and to local attractions within five miles), with advance hotel reservations. The hotel also offers ample, complimentary on-site parking for guests, making it a convenient choice for any visitor. For reservations or further information, visit our website at [www.newhavensuites.com](http://www.newhavensuites.com) or call the hotel directly at (203) 777-5337.

The Saunders Hotel Group is a multi generation family business known worldwide for its genuine commitment to gracious hospitality, innovation and environmental leadership. Saunders Hotel Group owns and/or operates seven distinctive properties including: the historic AAA Four Diamond Lenox Hotel in Boston, MA; the Comfort Inn & Suites at Logan Airport in Boston; the Marriott Residence Inn in Merrimack, NH; the Holiday Inn/Outback Steakhouse in New London, CT; The Hawthorn Suites Hotel in Alexandria, VA; the Hampton Inn in Norwood, MA and The Premiere Hotel and Suites in New Haven, CT.

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