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### **HILTON GARDEN INN<sup>®</sup> SOUTH BEND OPENS DOORS** **IN INDIANA**

*South Bend, IN., Sept. 20, 2007* – Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup> is proud to announce the opening of the Hilton Garden Inn<sup>®</sup> South Bend in South Bend, Indiana, representing the latest addition to the brand's growing collection of Hilton Garden Inn hotels across North America and Europe.

The Hilton Garden Inn South Bend is owned by The Inn at Saint Mary's Lp., a subsidiary of Holiday Properties, under a franchise license agreement with Hilton Inns, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hilton Hotels Corporation.

"We're excited to enter the South Bend market and offer our award winning mid-priced product," said Adrian Kurre, senior vice president - brand management, Hilton Garden Inn. "Hilton Garden Inn guestrooms feature the latest in guestroom evolution, including the Garden Sleep System bed, Mirra chair by Herman Miller and high definition flat screen televisions."

Located adjacent to the campus of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame, on Indiana State Route 933, the upscale mid-priced property evokes a eco chic feel and features 100 guestrooms (including 18 junior suites and 3 whirlpool suites), with complimentary high-speed wired and wireless Internet access and remote guest printing; a Pavilion Pantry<sup>®</sup> with a selection of refrigerated, frozen and microwaveable packaged items, and sundries; Bistro 933, a full service restaurant serving American regional cuisine for breakfast and dinner; room service during dinner hours; a comfortable lounge area with a

television and fireplace; a 24-hour, complimentary business center; four meeting rooms and an on-site guest laundry facility. The Gillespie Conference Center, opening in February 2008 will offer more than 15,000 square-feet of flexible conference and meeting space including an 8,400 sq. ft. ballroom; four additional meeting rooms and an on-site guest laundry facility.

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“We are thrilled to bring the Hilton Garden Inn focused-service hotel brand to South Bend. Offering exceptional amenities and first-class guest service, our hotel will compliment South Bend and all surrounding areas, stated Mr. John Phair, President of the Inn at Saint Mary’s Lp. “And Gillespie Conference Center, opening February of 2008, will serve up to 750 guests for regional events, another great addition to the community.”

Guest room accommodations and features include: the Garden Sleep System™ bed; ergonomical *Mirra*® chair by Herman Miller; high definition flat screen television; clock that allows guests to play their portable CD or MP3 player; a “hospitality center” with a microwave oven, coffee maker and mini refrigerator; a sitting area with an easy chair and ottoman; a hairdryer; and an iron and ironing board. In-room entertainment and information services include video-on-demand movies, video games and interactive Hilton Garden Inn guest services.

Business-oriented features of the guest rooms include: a spacious and clutter-free work desk; complimentary wired and Wi-Fi Internet access and remote printing to the hotel’s 24-hour business center; adjustable lighting; electrical outlets at desk height; and two speaker telephones equipped with data ports and voice mail.

Recreational facilities consist of a workout facility with state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength training equipment, Stay Fit Kits® available for complimentary check-out from

the front desk, indoor swimming pool and whirlpool.

Members of the HHonors<sup>®</sup> guest reward program can earn Points & Miles<sup>®</sup> for every qualifying stay at the Hilton Garden South Bend. HHonors is the only hotel program that allows any of its members to Double Dip<sup>®</sup> by simultaneously accumulating both hotel points and airline miles with each qualifying stay. HHonors provides more rewarding choices than ever before with more than 70 major airline, car rental and other travel-related companies.

The Hilton Garden Inn South Bend is located at 53995 Indiana State Route 933, South Bend, Indiana, 46637; phone: 574-232-7700; fax: 574-232-7711. For more information or to make reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn South Bend, please visit HYPERLINK "http://www.dallaslewisville.STAYHGI.com" [www.southbend.STAYHGI.com](http://www.southbend.STAYHGI.com) or call the hotel directly.

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Hilton Garden Inn is the award-winning, mid-priced brand that continually strives to

ensure today's busy travelers have everything they need to be most productive on the road — from complimentary wired and Wi-Fi Internet access in all guestrooms and remote printing to the hotel's complimentary 24-hour business center to one of the most comfortable beds with the Garden Sleep System<sup>TM</sup>. So whether on the road for personal or business reasons, Hilton Garden Inn offers the amenities and services for travelers to sleep deep, stay fit, eat well and work smart while on the road.

For more information about Hilton Garden Inn locations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Germany and Italy or to find your next getaway, please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.StayHGI.com"](http://www.StayHGI.com) <http://www.StayHGI.com> or call 1-877-STAY-HGI.

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