

Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe – Something for Everyone

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The Southpointe business community has a welcome new addition – the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe.

Located on a hill overlooking Southpointe, the beautiful property is enhanced with extraordinary landscaping. A hotel spokeswoman said exterior aesthetics are extremely important. "We take such pride in the landscaping," she said. Some of the special features at the Hilton Garden Inn are a backyard patio area and a gazebo, which can be used as a romantic setting for a distinctive outdoor wedding.

In addition to luxurious facilities, the Hilton Garden Inn offers spectacular views. From the rooms on the upper floors of the hotel, visitors have an unobstructed view of downtown Pittsburgh.

The Hilton Garden Inn's spokeswoman said they chose the western Pennsylvania location for many reasons, including the growth of the Southpointe business community and the proximity to Interstate 79.

As might be expected of a hotel located near a business complex, the Hilton Garden Inn has the business traveler in mind. The hotel features a dedicated boardroom for meetings, and a complimentary 24-hour business center with photocopying machine, fax machine, and high-speed Internet access.

The Hilton Garden Inn's 20,000 square feet of banquet/meeting space is enough to host large banquets, meetings and wedding receptions. Doug Noxon, in-house executive chef, is responsible for fantastic signature menus. "This is a great opportunity to use my experience and creativity to make a memorable event for our guests." My concern is their first impression, states Noxon. "Food plays a vital role and we create the best!"

All of the hotel's 175 rooms, 42 of them suites, have free high-speed Internet access, an ergonomic chair at the desk, and an easy chair and ottoman for relaxing at the end of a hard day.

For those ready to get their mind off work, a 27-inch television in each room provides a welcome diversion. The Hilton Garden Inn offers Digital Video on Demand, free HBO, ESPN and Nickelodeon through Lodge Net "Synergy II" System.

Each room is equipped with a hospitality center, complete with



microwave, refrigerator, and coffeemaker, as well as a full size ironing board and iron. The Hilton Garden Inn offers a guest laundry area and full service dry cleaning as well.

With people committed to personnel wellness, the fitness

center at the Hilton Garden offers a convenient place to exercise when away from home. Guests can use the pool, exercise equipment or whirlpool to relax and unwind.

A signature item of the Hilton Garden Inn is the Pavilion Pantry, an area where guests can purchase microwavable food items and snacks. The Hilton Garden Inn spokeswoman said that sometimes travelers just want a quick bite in the privacy of their room without waiting for room service. The Pavilion Pantry fits the bill.

Those searching for a place to meet for cocktails need look no further than the hotel lobby. The fireside bar is a great place to unwind with friends or business associates.

For exceptional dining, the Hilton Garden Inn features Jacksons Restaurant-Rotisserie-Bar. This concept restaurant has an open kitchen with a fire brick oven, hardwood grill and rotisserie grill. Chef Gary Simpson and his staff specialize in American cuisine with an international flair.

Jacksons menu will change with the seasons, reflecting the bounty of nature and the creativity of the chef. "While the food is unbelievable, we're aiming to make Jacksons extremely affordable" said Simpson. "We're going to do extremely well," he stated, "because we personalize the guest experience with our passion to serve."

In addition to Jacksons, the Pavilion Pantry and in-room dining, The Great American Grille® at the Hilton Garden Inn is another dining option when looking for a place to meet for a cooked to order business breakfast.

For local residents interested in a quick get-away, The Hilton Garden Inn offers several inclusive packages such as a dining package with room and dinner at Jacksons. A golf package includes 18 holes of golf at Southpointe Golf Club, cart, full breakfast and room for \$125 per person per night. The golf package is available through November 30, 2001.

Whether you're in town for just one night or if you call this area home, the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe is the hotel for you. Great food, wonderful amenities and an amazing location – the Hilton Garden Inn has it all!

To find out more about the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, please call (724) 743-5000. For Jacksons Restaurant-Rotisserie-Bar call (724) 743-5005.