Homewood Suites by Hilton rolls out iPod mobile training



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Press Release Summary = **Homewood Suites by Hilton announce** all **204 properties have now been outfitted with video iPods**

Press Release Body = **Homewood Suites by Hilton**, the national brand of upscale, all-suite, residential-style hotels is proud to announce that all 204 properties across the United States and Canada have been outfitted with video iPods for use with the brand's new **Mobile Training program**. **Mobile Training with video iPods** is the latest evolution at **Homewood Suites** and is an innovative method used to reinforce training content as a culture and allow the brand's 5,000 to 6,000 employees to be empowered in their own learning.

One goal of the **Homewood Suites** (http://www.homewoodsuites.com/) iPod Mobile Training is to offer employees the opportunity to train directly in their own work environment as training content is organized efficiently into playlists to allow for stronger information retention. The on-demand functionality of iPods supports the spontaneity of a unique style of on-the-job coaching and guidance, empowering team members to take charge of their own learning styles.

Homewood Suites (http://www.homewoodsuites.com/) recognized the need for a pioneering, new training technique when the brand was deciding how best to train its team members regarding different

aspects of new brand-wide F&B standards. **The Mobile Training iPods** were acknowledged as a great supplement to **Homewood**'s already-existing training curriculum due to the flexibility and adaptability of the device itself, which allows the upscale hotel (http://www.homewoodsuites.com/) brand to update each phase of training on a continuous basis.

"The Mobile Training video iPod program contains a variety of twominute modules highlighting specific brand skills that are both essential and valuable to our employees and their growth," stated **Dawn Koenig, vice president of hotel performance services.** "The next phase of Mobile Training will provide refresher training centered around personalized customer service tools inherent to Homewood Suites."

After filming and editing Phase I training content, and completing 40 hours of beta testing, all **Homewood Suites** properties will be participating in **Mobile Training** going forward.

About Homewood Suites by Hilton: 1989, the Homewood Launched in Suites by Hilton (http://www.homewoodsuites.com/) brand today has more than 204 hotels open with another 125 in the pipeline in various stages of construction. Beyond its spacious suites and home-like amenities. Homewood Suites guests can find at each hotel an on-site Suite Shop convenience store, fitness center and guest laundry at most locations.

Homewood Suites by Hilton is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation (NYSE:HLT) the leading global hospitality company, with more than 2,800 hotels and 480,000 rooms in 76 countries and territories, including 100,000 team members worldwide.

The company owns, manages or franchises a hotel portfolio of some of the best known and highly regarded brands, including **Hilton**, **Conrad Hotels & Resorts**, **Doubletree**, **Embassy Suites Hotels**, **Hampton Inn**, **Hampton Inn & Suites**, **Hilton Garden Inn**, **Hilton Grand Vacations Homewood Suites by Hilton and The Waldorf**

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