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# Wildwood's First Extended-Stay Hotel, Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages, Officially Opens

**Wildwood, FL (August 4, 2022) -** Home2 Suites by Hilton, part of Hilton's All Suites portfolio, today announced the official opening of its newest property, <u>Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages</u> – the area's first extended-stay all-suite hotel. With modern, pet-friendly and eco-friendly accommodations and thoughtful amenities blending comfort and functionality, Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages provides business and leisure travelers, as well as friends and families of The Villages residents – America's premier Active Adult Retirement Community – with a genuine home-away-from-home experience.

Boasting 96 spacious studio and one-bedroom suites across four floors, each guest suite features a kitchen equipped with a microwave, coffee maker, full-size refrigerator, as well as assorted cookware and dishware encouraging in-room food preparation and storage. In accordance with Hilton's continued commitment to sustainability, guests can feel good about their stay with low-flow showers and faucets, bulk bathroom amenities, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and highly efficient Energy Star appliances in each suite.

In addition to practical and eco-friendly accommodations, Home2 Suites Wildwood-The Villages supplies guests with a plethora of unique communal spaces that inspire connection, creativity and the feeling of home. Guests can unwind in the hotel's expansive lobby area, The Oasis, outfitted with flatscreen televisions, collaboration and individual workspaces, as well as a variety of modular furniture pieces which guests can reconfigure to fit their needs. Housed within The Oasis is the brand's Inspired Table, a communal eating space where complimentary hot breakfast is served each morning, the Home2 MKT, an in-house market stocked with grab-andgo snacks and beverages, as well as a 24-hour business center, providing convenient access to computers, wireless printers and complimentary Wi-Fi.

The brand's signature 24-hour combined fitness and laundry center, Spin2 Cycle, is located just off of the lobby, perfect for travelers who wish to multitask and stick to their at-home routines. Venturing outside, guests can soak up the Florida sunshine at the hotel's eco-friendly saline pool and inviting patio adorned with comfortable outdoor lounge furniture, fire pits, grills, and attractive landscaping with Florida native plants to help minimize water usage and irrigation needs.

The hotel was developed and is owned by Tampa-based commercial real estate firm, Liberty Group. Base4 served as the architect for the project with Wichman Construction handling construction. McKibbon Hospitality manages and operates the hotel, having appointed longtime leader James House as General Manager and Kyle Knapp as Director of Sales.

"We are pleased to officially introduce Home2 Suites Wildwood-The Villages, providing an allnew attractive extended-stay lodging option for travelers seeking a customizable and comfortable stay," said Punit Shah, chief executive officer of Liberty Group. "Watching this project come to life and contributing to Wildwood and The Villages' continued growth and development has been extremely rewarding, and we look forward to a successful future serving this thriving community."

Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages is primely located at 7555 Penrose Place off County Road 466A, offering unbeatable access to the area's top golf courses and country clubs as well as Lake Sumter, Lake Miona and Brownwood Paddock Square.

To learn more and make a reservation, please visit www.wildwoodthevillages.home2suites.com.

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# **About Home2 Suites by Hilton**

Home2 Suites by Hilton, one of the fastest growing brands in Hilton's history, is a mid-tier, all-suite, award-winning extended-stay hotel concept designed to offer stylish accommodations with flexible guest room configurations and inspired amenities for cost-conscious guests and their pets. With a commitment to environmentally friendly products and hotel operations, Home2 Suites by Hilton offers complimentary hot breakfast, innovative and customizable guestroom designs, laundry and fitness areas, free Wi-Fi, multiple outdoor spaces, 24-hour business centers, expansive community spaces and pet-friendly environments. Home2 Suites by Hilton has more than 530 open hotels with more than 560 in development. Experience a positive stay at Home2 Suites by Hilton by booking at <a href="home2suites.com">home2suites.com</a> or through the industry-leading Hilton Honors app. Hilton Honors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits. Learn more about Home2 Suites by Hilton at stories.hilton.com/home2suites, and follow the brand on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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