

Mr. John Q. Hammons announces opening of Embassy Suites East Peoria – hotel & conference center



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Press Release Summary: Embassy Suites' opens Peoria's first full-service hotel in more than 50 years

Press Release Body: **Mr. John Q. Hammons** has announced the opening of his eight-story, **226-suite Embassy Suites East Peoria – Hotel & Conference Center**. The all-suite, contemporary hotel is owned by Mr. Hammons, and the hotel and conference center are managed by **Springfield, Mo.-based John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts**, the nation's leading independent builder, developer, owner and manager of upscale, full-service hotels, resorts and suites.

*"This is the first hotel of its kind built in the **Peoria** area in more than five decades," said **Mr. Hammons, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts**. "Our booking \$3 million in meetings and hotel room reservations revenue prior to opening reinforces that **East Peoria** requires high-quality, full-service accommodation."*

Conveniently located off I-74 and Riverfront Drive, this new [hotel in Peoria](#) is surrounded by the spectacular shopping, dining and nightlife

of the Peoria RiverFront and is just minutes from area attractions, including **O'Brien Field, Central Illinois' largest outdoor sports and entertainment facility** and home to the **Peoria Chiefs**. The [Embassy Suites hotel](#) property is approximately eight minutes from the **Greater Peoria Regional Airport** and is in close proximity to the many corporations and educational institutions in the Peoria area, including the headquarters of Caterpillar Inc., Bradley University, University of Illinois College of Medicine, and Illinois Central College.

*"The **East Peoria** area is well-known for its influential businesses, thriving sports community and skilled work force, of which we have employed more than 200," said **Joe LoMonaco, general manager of the hotel.***

The [Embassy Suites East Peoria](#) and **RiverFront Conference Center** are connected by a glass, climate-controlled walkway, together providing more than 35,000 net square feet of flexible meeting space. The hotel is decorated in a Nuevo-classic style, featuring dark olive green décor with vibrant gold and orange accents. Guests can enjoy a variety of contemporary American cuisine at the hotel's Riverside Café or cocktails in the relaxing atrium lounge, while Caffeina's, the marketplace café, brews Starbucks coffee and has wireless internet access.

*"We are thrilled to welcome **Mr. Hammons' Embassy Suites East Peoria – Hotel & Conference Center** to our city," said **Mayor Dave Mingus**, "Its luxury accommodation and high quality service will establish a new standard for our local hotel industry."*

Hotel staff celebrated the opening with a team rally, culminating their many months of hard work, and the **East Peoria Chamber of Commerce** hosted a ribbon-cutting at the property.

About the Embassy Suites East Peoria Hotel's GM and DOS
An eight-year veteran of the **John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts** portfolio, **General Manager Joe LoMonaco** joins the new property from the **Embassy Suites on the River in Des Moines**. **LoMonaco** has managed nine major hotel properties throughout his successful, 25-year career in the hospitality industry. **Diana Anderson, the new director of sales** with 16 years' hospitality experience in the central Illinois region, has received numerous awards and honors, such as **Inter-Business Issues' Forty Leaders Under Forty Award** and the **Illinois Society of Association Executives' President Award**.

About the **[Embassy Suites East Peoria – Hotel & Conference Center](#)**

The eight-story **Embassy Suites East Peoria – Hotel & Conference Center** is beautifully decorated to make guests feel at home. Each of the 226 spacious, two-room guest suites features a private bedroom with the **Embassy Essentials Bedding Collection**, as well as a living room, and is equipped with two televisions, refrigerator, wet bar, microwave oven, coffee maker, two telephones with voicemail, high-speed Internet access, work desk and in-room safe boxes.

Guests start each day with a complimentary, cooked-to-order breakfast, and can enjoy a nightly Manager's Reception with complimentary beverages. Other features include Caffaina's Internet Café, a relaxing atrium lounge, full-service restaurant and spacious meeting and conference facilities with hotel staff dedicated to each group's specialized needs. Site amenities include a fitness center, indoor pool and sundeck.

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Editor's note:
Exterior and interior photographs of the hotel and additional information are available on request

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