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### Holiday Inn Express Tampa North - Telecom Park Opens with Fresh, New Look After Conversion

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The FINANCIAL -- IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) [LON: IHG, NYSE: IHG (ADRs)], the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms, announced the opening of the Holiday Inn Express Tampa North - Telecom Park following a conversion from a La Quinta Inn & Suites that included guest room and furniture upgrades as well as decorative enhancements.

Conveniently located just off Interstate 75 in Tampa's Telecom Park, the 92-room Holiday Inn Express offers an array of amenities, including an outdoor swimming pool and spa, 24-hour business center and free wireless Internet connections. The hotel also has 700 square feet of meeting space, which can accommodate up to 70 people.

"Holiday Inn Express hotels are designed to be the smart choice for value-conscious business and leisure travelers," said Gina LaBarre, vice president, Brand Management, The Americas, IHG. "With more than 2,000 properties worldwide and nearly 500 properties in the pipeline, the Holiday Inn Express portfolio continues to provide our guests with an enhanced-stay experience at a great value. We welcome this hotel into the Holiday Inn family."

"The new four-story Holiday Inn Express Tampa North - Telecom Park is located at 13294 Telecom Drive in Telecom Park, just minutes from the University of South Florida and Busch Gardens. The hotel is also close to several major medical facilities including the Moffitt Cancer Center, the James A. Harley Veteran's Administration Medical Center, University Community Hospital and University of South Florida Hospital. The Verizon Business Park and the Hidden River Business Park are just a short distance away," IHG said.

For leisure travelers, the Holiday Inn Express Tampa North - Telecom Park is just a short drive from MOSI (the Museum of Science and Industry) and the Adventure Island water

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park. Area attractions located nearby include the Sun Dome, Lowry Park Zoo, Port of Tampa, Florida Aquarium and Lettuce Lake Park.

"We are pleased to be joining the Holiday Inn family in such a great location for business and leisure travelers visiting Tampa," said General Manager Chuck Pletcher. "We look forward to providing our guests with fantastic service, a fresh look and new amenities throughout the property."

All guest rooms include 32" flat-screen televisions and the SimplySmart™ shower - which incorporates a proprietary Stay Smart™ Kohler showerhead - a signature shower curtain with curved rod, upgraded 100 percent cotton terry towels and a custom line of cinnamon-scented bath products. Guests will also enjoy the SimplySmart™ bedding collection where they will find new, crisp fresh bedding, which features an attractive decorative throw, a medium-weight duvet blanket and soft 200 thread-count sheets.

Guests will enjoy the free Express StartSM Breakfast Bar with hot breakfast favorites like scrambled eggs or omelets, bacon or sausage, and biscuits. They will also find traditional breakfast buffet items such as cereal, yogurt, breads, 100 percent Arabica Smart Roast CoffeeSM and Express StartSM hot cinnamon rolls.

The Holiday Inn Express Tampa North - Telecom Park is owned and managed by Tampa, Florida-based Liberty Group of Companies led by President and Chief Operating Officer Punit R. Shah under a licensing agreement with a company in the [InterContinental Hotels Group](#).

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