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Running Aces Signs Exclusivity Agreement with GrandStay Hospitality Franchise

COLUMBUS, Minn. (October 6, 2016) --- Running Aces Casino & Racetrack plans to build a hotel to further expand its casino, racetrack and entertainment venue with the signing of an exclusivity agreement with GrandStay Hospitality. The hotel will include standard rooms, extended suites for long term and business travelers as well as VIP suites for those seeking a 5 Star guest experience.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to meet the needs of the community of Columbus as well as the demand from our customers. The majority of casino surveys place hotel accommodations as the number one requested amenity. We are confident that a hotel will position Running Aces as the premier casino, racetrack and entertainment venue in the Twin Cities Area," stated Taro Ito, President and CEO of Running Aces.

Since opening in 2008, Running Aces has seen tremendous change and growth. The new hotel addition will enhance the property's ability to cater to the needs of larger events, such as outdoor concerts, car shows, and poker tournaments. The smoke-free and family friendly atmosphere at Running Aces will also be able to help lodging need during hockey tournaments, the 3M Golf tournament and the USA Cup at the National Sports Center.

"GrandStay Hospitality, LLC is very excited to bring our brand of exceptional lodging to the Running Aces venue. The GrandStay Hotel & Suites will complement the many entertainment choices offered to guests at the casino, racetrack, restaurants, trout pond and more", said Jon Kennedy, GrandStay brand President. "Our partnership with the team at Running Aces will provide seamless hotel operations, great service, value and fun," Mr. Kennedy added.

About Running Aces® Casino & Racetrack

Running Aces is the Twin Cities' premier casino, racetrack and entertainment destination, with live summer harness horse racing. The *Trout Air Fishing Experience* is a "You Catch'em, We Cook'em" facility, an unbeatably fresh dining experience offered only at Running Aces. More than 650 dedicated employees have been serving up the best in food, cards, simulcast and entertainment since 2008. Open 24/7, Running Aces is located one exit past the 35E and 35W merge, just 20 minutes north of 694.

About GrandStay Hospitality, LLC:

GrandStay Hospitality, LLC offers a hotel franchise opportunity like no other hotel chain. Their family of brands consists of extended-stay and select service hotels. They do not believe in "one size fits all" hotel franchises. From conversions to new builds, they follow a back to basics philosophy that provides the flexibility and one-on-one support our franchisees need to succeed. The commitment to "Every Guest ~ Every Time" has been the foundation of their success. It is carried through from guest service to franchise development and relationships. This caring, service oriented approach has been the key to GrandStay Hospitality, LLC continued growth.

For more information on the hotel project, please visit RunAces.com

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