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## **RUNNING ACES CASINO & RACETRACK AND GRANDSTAY HOSPITALITY HOLD CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW HOTEL**

### ***Hotel Scheduled to Open in December, 2019***

COLUMBUS, Minn. (November 15, 2018) --- Running Aces Casino & Racetrack will be adding another word to its name: hotel. The official groundbreaking ceremony was held today to celebrate the start of a new 116 room hotel. RAHP, LLC and GrandStay Hospitality, LLC are teaming up to operate the property scheduled to open in early December 2019. Running Aces is working with architectural firm The Cunningham Group and Truline Construction on the development of the hotel.

Taro Ito President/CEO of Running Aces Casino & Racetrack was joined by City and County officials as well as local residents to mark this special event.

"We are excited to be given the opportunity to offer locals and those visiting the Twin Cities a top-quality entertainment/destination venue," said Ito. "When completed, Running Aces will offer something for everyone: gamers, horse enthusiasts, family and business travelers, and most of all local Twin City residents looking for a fun night or two of entertainment."

Running Aces signed an exclusivity agreement with GrandStay Hospitality, LLC in 2016 and with the addition of Running Aces, there will be 20 GrandStay properties across Minnesota.

GrandStay Hospitality President Jon Kennedy said, "The new hotel at Running Aces will be a fabulous addition to GrandStay's growing family of hotels. Our proprietary global reservation system complements the dynamic appeal of the Running Aces entertainment complex. As a Minnesota-based brand, we are ecstatic to offer our unique services to this new venture."

For more information about the hotel, please visit <http://runaces.com/Hotel>.

#### **About Running Aces® Casino & Racetrack**

Running Aces is the Twin Cities' premier card room and entertainment destination, with a summer live harness horse racing season. 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. For more information, please visit [www.runaces.com](http://www.runaces.com).

#### **About GrandStay Hospitality, LLC**

GrandStay Hospitality, LLC offers a hotel franchise opportunity like no other hotel chain. 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 the continued growth of the GrandStay Hospitality, LLC brand.

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