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**Tulalip Resort Casino Joins Summit Hotels & Resorts™,  
Preferred Hotel Group's Superb Collection of Internationally Acclaimed  
Hotels and Resorts**

SEATTLE – May 21, 2008 – Tulalip Resort Casino has been accepted into membership of Summit Hotels & Resorts, a superb collection of internationally acclaimed hotels and resorts, featuring more than 135 hotels and resorts in over 40 countries. Summit stands perfectly positioned to offer guests a peak experience, allowing travelers to optimally enjoy their destination, whether they are staying for business or pleasure.

Every Summit, ranging from historic urban hotels to enticing beach resorts, articulates a genuine sense of place. Individualized design and welcoming service provide a memorable reflection of each destination's style, culture and graciousness.

Tulalip Resort Casino's new four star hotel, opening summer 2008, is poised to become the premier travel, entertainment and meetings destination in the Pacific Northwest. Elegant interior design that honors the Tulalip heritage and culture, with themes inspired by the natural elements of earth, wind, fire and water, is woven into the fabric of the property's guestrooms and public spaces, and a collection of authentic tribal art valued at more than \$1 million - including three hand-carved totem poles standing more than 25-feet in height - awaits visitors.

Among the hotel's 370 guestrooms will be numerous specialty suites, including the 3,000 square-foot Tulalip Suite, designed for corporate entertaining; the 2,000 square-foot Player's Suite with a professional-size pool table, dart board and arcade games; the

Technology Suite offering leading-edge hotel and entertainment technology; and two Pan Asian suites designed on the principles of feng shui with a Northwest flare. The hotel will also boast 30,000 square-feet of meeting and reception space; the indoor Oasis pool set amidst lush garden foliage; the rejuvenating 14,000 square-foot full-service T Spa, offering an earth-inspired menu of services; and five restaurants headlined by Tulalip Bay, where Chef Dean Shinagawa incorporates flavors of the islands with the finest Northwest products to create an exceptional



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dining experience. Additionally, guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Canoes Cabaret or Tulalip Amphitheatre and exciting gaming action at the casino.

“We’re pleased to be a part of the Preferred Hotel Group family,” said Kenneth Kettler, president and COO of Tulalip Resort Casino. “The organization exclusively represents hoteliers providing the highest standards of service and accommodations, and they’ve recognized that discerning travelers can expect a world-class experience at Tulalip Resort Casino.”

### **About Summit Hotels & Resorts**

Summit Hotels & Resorts is a member of the Preferred Hotel Group™ family of brands which also includes: Preferred Boutique™, Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, Sterling Hotels™ and Historic Hotels of America®. For reservations and a complete description of the Summit Hotels & Resorts collection, please visit [www.summithotels.com](http://www.summithotels.com).

Summit Hotels & Resorts guests are eligible to enroll in the *I Prefer*™ Global Guest Benefit Program, featuring benefits such as early check-in/late check-out, space-available upgrades and more. For more information, please visit [www.iprefer.com](http://www.iprefer.com).

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