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## ***FACT SHEET***

### **THE FOUNDERS INN AND SPA**

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#### **LOCATION:**

The Founders Inn and Spa is centrally located in Southeastern Virginia off Interstate 64 and Indian River Road in Virginia Beach. It is the region's premier destination for business meetings, lodging, and casual to casually elegant dining as well as social gatherings. The deluxe hotel and conference facility combines the elements of *Living, Learning and Leisure*™ to create both a dedicated environment for meetings and conferences as well as offering one of the finest getaways in Virginia.

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Founders Inn and Spa, one of the Mid-Atlantic's most technologically advanced conference centers, offers a perfect blend of Colonial-era architecture, individualized guest service, accessible location and world-class technology. Located in the heart of historic Southeastern Virginia, The Founders Inn and Spa combines the charm of a country inn with luxurious accommodations, casual to casually elegant dining and an unparalleled meeting environment with the highest standards of service excellence.

**OPERATOR:** Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, operates resorts, conference centers, hotels and condominium resorts both domestically and internationally. For locations of Benchmark Hospitality properties and for additional information, visit Benchmark's Website at [www.benchmarkhospitality.com](http://www.benchmarkhospitality.com).

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Ellen Ruane

**DIRECTOR OF SALES:** Tade Allen

**GUESTROOMS:** The Founders Inn and Spa features 240 beautifully appointed guestrooms, nine suites, including Presidential and Governor's Suites, as well as spacious and elegant living areas and Grand Georgian décor. Each guestroom offers a workstation with complimentary high-speed Internet access while select rooms offer gas fireplaces, oversized work spaces and stunning views of the lake and Colonial Gardens. The Presidential and Governor's Suites each offer two sleeping rooms, gas fireplace, and living and dining areas overlooking the lake and Colonial Gardens.

**CONFERENCE FACILITIES:** The Founders Inn and Spa offers more than 24,000 square feet of the Mid-Atlantic's most technologically advanced meeting space, including a 12,876 square-foot ballroom, 20 separate meeting rooms with high speed Internet and Wi-Fi access, and an 84-seat tiered amphitheater with computer hook-ups for each guest. Each conference room is set with ergonomically designed 18-hour chairs, executive and hard surface tables, tackable wall surfaces and presentation rails around the perimeter of each room, comprehensive audiovisual equipment and continuous refreshment breaks served kiosk style.

**CONFERENCE SERVICES:** The Founders Inn and Spa provides dedicated conference planning professionals to coordinate and execute all guest logistics. The Business Center with Conference Concierge is strategically positioned to assist with faxing, photocopying, word processing, message delivery, transportation or special arrangements. The Business Center offers two work stations with computers, high-speed Internet access and phone lines for modem usage, and an office-jet printer.

**TECHNOLOGICAL  
CAPABILITIES:**

The Founders Inn and Spa offers technologically advanced audiovisual capabilities. High-speed Internet access is provided throughout the conference center and guest rooms, as well as Wi-Fi access in meeting rooms. Two conference rooms are equipped with advanced lighting and front screen projection capabilities. The Thomas Jefferson Amphitheater offers individual computer access, DVD and VCR players, document camera and rear screen projection controllable via remote.

**RECREATION:**

The Founders Inn and Spa offers a wide variety of leisure activities; including a health and wellness center featuring a newly renovated fitness center with weight training and body-toning equipment, tennis, racquetball and basketball courts, and an aquatic center with an outdoor pool area with zero entry pool, interactive fountains, a 25-foot spiral slide and an indoor pool with Jacuzzi. Bicycles are available for use along the biking / walking trail around the lake.

**FLOWERING ALMOND  
SPA:**

The Founders Inn and Spa underwent a \$5 million dollar renovation, which included the world-class, resort-style Flowering Almond Spa. No expense was spared to provide guests with the most luxuriously relaxing spa experience available in the region. This full-service spa offers a complete range of massage, from deep tissue to poultice and featuring our signature scents – almonds and ginger.

Flowering Almond Spa boasts seven treatments rooms with one dedicated to couples massage. Facials, wraps and a full nail treatment center make the Flowering Almond Spa a favorite for guests and local clientele. Our Conservatory is a get-away with gentle water features and complimentary beverages. Executive Chef Anthony Loos has also prepared a special “Spa” menu, including Asian inspired entrees and salads.

**RESTAURANTS &  
LOUNGES:**

**Swan Terrace  
Restaurant**

Swan Terrace Restaurant offers a feast for the senses. Cuisine is prepared with the freshest ingredients homegrown in the Mid-Atlantic region by Executive Chef

Loos and his award-winning culinary staff. Enjoy casually elegant dining with lake and Colonial Garden views, by the fireplace or outside on the terrace.

Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch, The Swan Terrace was voted one of the “Best of the Beach” for Sunday Brunch, received the Platinum Plate award by HR Magazine as one of the top ten restaurants in the region, and received an award of distinction from Wine Enthusiasts for the rare and extensive wine offerings.

**The Hunt Room**

The Hunt Room at The Founders Inn and Spa offers colonial-style fare, complemented by ales and wines from our old world dispensary. Featured activities include billiards, board games and access to sporting-event viewing on two three plasma televisions broadcasting a high definition satellite signal with state-of-the-art surround sound. Enjoy pub fare and a local’s favorite, wood oven baked pizzas.

**The Muffin Pan**

For lighter fare in a charming setting, The Muffin Pan serves fresh baked pastries and muffins, specialty deli sandwiches and a variety of desserts as well as melt-in-your-mouth confections made fresh every day of the year.

**Catering**

The Founders Inn and Spa provides complete banquet and catering services for any occasion, including weddings, receptions, anniversaries, military and government ceremonies, retirement dinners, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, holiday parties, corporate events, and more.

**In-room Dining**

A selection of hot and cold items is available daily.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The Founders Inn and Spa is located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, at the intersection of Interstate 64 and Indian River Road (Exit 286B). The hotel is located just nine miles from Norfolk International Airport and is easily accessible via major transportation arteries, including the Interstate 64 and Route 13, linking Virginia to the Eastern Shore.

**OPENING DATE:**

April 1991

**RENOVATED:**

The Founders Inn and Spa was comprehensively renovated in 2000. The Hunt Room opened in 2002. In 2004, The Swan Terrace Restaurant was comprehensively renovated

to include the addition of an interactive kitchen. In 2006, a \$5 million renovation was completed and included an aquatic center, featuring an indoor pool with Jacuzzi, outdoor pool with interactive fountains and a 25-foot spiral slide and poolside entertainment area, a new health and wellness center housing a fitness center with the latest in equipment and a world-class, resort-style spa, The Flowering Almond Spa.

**DESIGN:**

<b>Architecture</b>	Rabuns, Hogan, Ota, Rasche
<b>Contractor</b>	Tesoro Construction
<b>Interior Design</b>	Hansen, Zappatelli

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