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Candlewood Suites becomes newest Amherst hotel

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The region's first Candlewood Suites has welcomed its first guests.

The 76 all-suites hotel opened on Thursday.

The Candlewood Suites is owned and operated by **Hart Hotels Inc.** of Cheektowaga. The hotel is the 12th in Hart's resume including six in the immediate Buffalo Niagara region.

Located on Flint Road in Amherst, just across Maple Road from the University at Buffalo campus, the hotel neighbors another Hart-owned property, Hotel Indigo, which itself opened two years ago. Hart Hotels invested \$6.9 million in building the Candlewood Suites. The project was privately funded.

Part of the **Intercontinental Hotels Group**, Candlewood Suites is popular with those travelers who will be in area for extended period of time.

Each suite has fully-equipped kitchen and offers large workspace along with free, high speed Internet access.

The hotel has such amenities as the Candlewood Cupboard where guests can shop for meals, snacks, beverages or rent movies or music. The hotel also has a gym that's open all day, a 24-hour laundry service and an outdoor gazebo for grilling. It is a pet-friendly hotel.

"We believe this brand and our proximate location to the SUNY Buffalo campus and our management experience will be a winning formula for years into the future," said David Hart, company president and chief executive officer.

The hotel will employ approximately 20 people.

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