

## Hilton Family

# News Release

### Hilton Hotels Corporation Recognizes Development Champions For Hilton, Doubletree And Embassy Suites Hotels

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. – July 16, 2009 --** The Hilton Family of Hotels announced today its top full-service Hilton, Doubletree, and Embassy Suites hotel developers. In addition to Hilton Family Lifetime Achievement and Hilton Family Developer of the Year awards, hotel development awards across each brand are presented in four distinct categories: Best Conversion, Deal of the Year, Developer of the Year and Outstanding Achievement.

“Following another year of significant growth for our company, we are extremely proud to recognize our development award winners, who truly have proven their commitment to our mutual standards of excellence, even in the face of current economic and industry challenges,” said Bill Fortier, senior vice president - development for the Americas, Hilton Hotels Corporation. “We continue to provide our owner partners with a winning combination of tools to attract, recognize and retain loyal customers, including the Hilton HHonors loyalty program; eEvents online booking for groups; OnQ technology; worldwide reservations systems and cross-selling; third-party distribution; and global sales, marketing and revenue management support, so that together, we may achieve success in the immediate and long-term future.”

The winners in each of the categories are:

#### **Hilton Family Lifetime Achievement**

John Q. Hammons, John Q. Hammons Revocable Living Trust: Embassy Suites Hotel Loveland, Colo.

#### **Hilton Family Developer of the Year**

Bharat Patel, Sun Development & Management Corporation: Embassy Suites, Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton properties

#### **Developer of the Year Winners by Brand**

**Hilton:** B. Gene Carter, Western International (Hilton Phoenix/Chandler, Ariz.)

**Doubletree:** Douglas N. Dreher, The Hotel Group (Doubletree Hotel Cleveland Downtown/Lakeside, Ohio)

**Embassy Suites Hotels:** Chiman S. Patel, HP Hotel Management (Embassy Suites Miami Downtown)

#### **Best Conversion Winners by Brand**

**Hilton:** Mark Lipschutz, Caribbean Property Group and Ruben Pacheco, Sr., Enjoy Group (Hilton Papagayo Resort, Costa Rica)

**Doubletree:** Diane Poillon, Willow Valley Associates, Inc. (Doubletree Hotel Lancaster Willow Valley, Pa.)

**Embassy Suites Hotels:** Keith Coe, Chesterbrook Hotel Company, LLC  
(Embassy Suites Philadelphia/Valley Forge, Pa.)

### **Deal of the Year Winners by Brand**

**Hilton:** Charles R. Lathem, ING Clarion Partners (Hilton San Diego Bayfront, Calif.)

**Doubletree:** Mitch Patel, Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. (Doubletree Hotel Chattanooga Downtown, Tenn.)

**Embassy Suites Hotels:** George Tsunis, Motor Parkway Associates, LLC  
(Embassy Suites Islandia, Long Island, N.Y.)

### **Outstanding Achievement Winners by Brand**

**Hilton:** Irene Van Sant, Baltimore Development (Hilton Baltimore, Md.)

**Doubletree:** Michael T. Sullivan, Milford Hotel Group, LLC (Doubletree Hotel Boston/Milford, Mass.)

**Embassy Suites Hotels:** Alpesh Patel, Kana Hotel Group (Embassy Suites Jackson/Ridgeland, Miss.)

"We especially wish to recognize John Q. Hammons for his Hilton Family Lifetime Achievement award and Bharat Patel for his Hilton Family Developer of the Year award, and for their respective commitments to a truly unique, long-standing relationship and dedication to developing multiple brands within our Family of Hotels," said Fortier.

### **ABOUT HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION**

Hilton Hotels Corporation is the leading global hospitality company, with more than 3,300 hotels and 550,000 rooms in 77 countries and more than 130,000 team members worldwide. The company owns, manages or franchises some of the best known and highly regarded hotel brands including Hilton, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Doubletree, Embassy Suites Hotels, Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Grand Vacations, Homewood Suites by Hilton, the Waldorf Astoria and the Waldorf Astoria Collection, as well as the recently launched Home2 Suites by Hilton. The company also manages the world-class guest reward program Hilton HHonors.

Hilton Hotels Corporation is an Official Sponsor of the U.S. Olympic Team, which will extend through the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London, the 2010/2012 U.S. Paralympic Team and the 2011 U.S. Pan American Team.

The Hilton Family of Hotels adheres to founder Conrad Hilton's philosophy that, "It has been, and continues to be, our responsibility to fill the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality." The company put a name to its unique brand of service that has made it the best known and most highly regarded hotel company: be hospitable. The philosophy is shared by all brands in the Hilton Family of Hotels, and is the inspiration for its overarching message of kindness and generosity. For more information about the company, please visit

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