



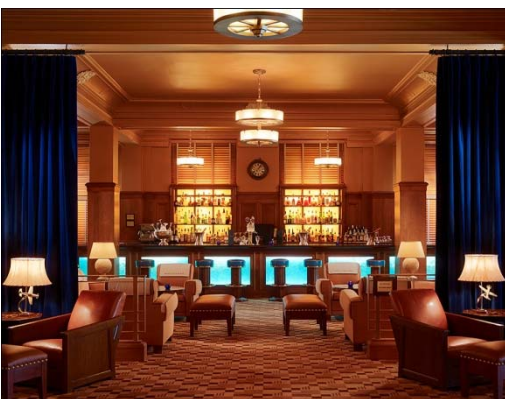
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## For Immediate Release

# Hilton to Bestow “Best Conversion” Award to THG for its renovation of the Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel Seattle-Downtown

*Formerly a twentieth-century men's club, the 120-room hotel managed by The Hotel Group now boasts an ageless, stylish, contemporary design to meet the needs of today's travelers*

**Edmonds, Wash. — Sept. 1, 2010**—The Hotel Group (THG) has been selected by Hilton Hotels Corp. to receive its "**Best Conversion Award**" for the Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel Seattle-Downtown. The ownership and management company will be recognized in October during the brand's owners conference in Orlando. A Development Award Ceremony will be held at the event to spotlight project excellence in five categories: Best Conversion, Lifetime Achievement, Developer of the Year, Deal of the Year, and Outstanding Achievement. THG was named Hilton Developer of the Year in 2009 for its Doubletree Hotel Cleveland Downtown/Lakeside renovation.



The Arctic Club Hotel Seattle-Downtown is a 120-room hotel that combines the history and grandeur of an early twentieth-century men's club, the former Arctic Club, with a sophisticated design and world-class amenities for business and leisure travelers. The Polar Bar boasts classic, inspired cocktails, and the hotel features the Northern Lights Dome Room, one of Seattle's grandest function facilities, which includes a stained-glass dome. Previously the Arctic Building, constructed in 1916, served as the longtime home of Seattle's early captains of industry and Alaska-Yukon enthusiasts. Reinvigorated and

transformed into the Arctic Club Hotel, its doors opened in July 2008. THG took great care to maintain the original treasures of the building to include the Alaskan marble-lined stairway and foyer, along with 27 molded walrus heads wrapping around the third-floor exterior.

"We are delighted that Hilton Hotels has recognized us for a second consecutive year," said Douglas Dreher, THG President and CEO. "This historical property, which earned a spot on the National Geographic Traveler 2nd Annual 2009 Stay List, represents the commitment of THG to maximizing our owners' investments while providing stellar accommodations for guests. This project showcases our ability to follow sustainable practices not typically found in a metropolitan hotel while satisfying the needs of the modern-day traveler in a history-rich setting."

THG is a nationally recognized Top 40 hotel company and currently manages and/or owns 26 properties in 10 states, represents 13 brands and employs more than 1,300 people. Hilton products occupy approximately one third of the THG portfolio, including the Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel Seattle-Downtown, the Doubletree Hotel Cleveland Lakeside Downtown, the Hilton Suites in Brentwood, Tenn., and various Hilton Garden Inns across Ore. and Wash.

"Our hotel owners are a vital part of our company's developmental success," said Bill Fortier, Senior Vice President, Development, Hilton Worldwide in a prepared statement. "In the last year alone, Hilton Worldwide opened more than 300 new properties and successfully launched the Home2 Suites brand, which broke ground on its first property in December. We are proud to recognize the success and achievements of our top hotel developers, whose vision for design and development represents the light and warmth of hospitality we are committed to delivering to our valued guests."

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THG is a nationally recognized Top 40 hotel company and currently manages and/or owns 25 properties in 9 states, represents 13 brands and employs more than 1,300 people. Since its inception in 1984, THG has managed more than 100 properties in 20 states, directed the design and construction of 30 new hotels and completed the acquisition of more than \$125 million in private investment as the sponsor of Hotel Group Opportunity Funds I, II, III and IV. For more information, visit [www.thehotelgroup.com](http://www.thehotelgroup.com) or call 425-771-1788.

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