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**THE HOTEL GROUP NAMED
IHG's 2007 UPSCALE DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR**

Edmonds, WA. (November 6, 2007)— The Hotel Group has received the IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) [LON: IHG, NYSE: IHG] 2007 Upscale Developer of the Year Award, given to hoteliers achieving distinction in hotel development. The Hotel Group (THG) is the largest independent hotel company in the Pacific Northwest.

Douglas Dreher, president of The Hotel Group accepted the award, along with Lara Latture, vice president, at a special ceremony held during the 2007 IHG Americas Investors & Leadership Conference in Dallas, October 22-24, 2007.

"I am pleased to honor Doug and his team at The Hotel Group with the Upscale Developer of the Year Award," said Steve Porter, president, the Americas, IHG. "Winners in this category demonstrate the highest standards in hospitality development."

"We have enjoyed our long affiliation with IHG and this award reflects the commitment of our employees who deliver superior results every day," Dreher said in accepting the prestigious award. .

More than 4,000 franchise owners, operators and company officials attended the 2007 IHG Americas Investors & Leadership Conference.

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Note to Editors:

The Hotel Group (THG) is the largest independent hotel company in the Pacific Northwest and currently manages and/or owns 27 properties in 10 states and employs over 1,800 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, completed \$460 million of asset management assignments for The Resolution Trust Company, and is the sponsor of The Hotel Group Opportunity Funds I, II and III. For more information visit www.thehotelgroup.com or call (425) 771-1788.

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (IHG) of the United Kingdom [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. IHG owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 3,800 hotels and more than 563,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. IHG owns a portfolio of well recognized and respected hotel brands including InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts, Crowne Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn® Hotels and Resorts, Holiday Inn Express®, Staybridge Suites®, Candlewood Suites® and Hotel Indigo®, and also manages the world's largest hotel loyalty program, Priority Club® Rewards with over 33 million members worldwide.

The company pioneered the travel industry's first collaborative response to environmental issues as founder of the International Hotels and Environment Initiative (IHEI). The IHEI formed the foundations of the Tourism Partnership launched by the International Business Leaders Forum in 2004, of which IHG is still a member today. The environment and local communities remain at the heart of IHG's global corporate responsibility focus.

IHG offers information and online reservations for all its hotel brands at www.ihg.com and information for the Priority Club Rewards program at www.priorityclub.com.

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