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Hilton Hotels Names Top Developers for Hampton, Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites Brands

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 12, 2007 – Hilton Hotels Corporation recognized top developers and hotels during its Focused Service Brand Owners' Conference for Hampton Inn®, Hampton Inn & Suites®, Hilton Garden Inn® and Homewood Suites by Hilton®, held in La Quinta, Calif., February 26-28, 2007. The conference was attended by more than 1,100 guests, including owners, brand teams and Hilton Hotels Corporation team members.

Each brand recognized a Developer of the Year, Best Conversion, Deal of the Year and Outstanding Achievement for the developers who had the greatest number of project approvals or who developed one or more unique hotels that helped enhance the brand's image in 2006. Together, the brands also recognized a Multi-Brand Developer of the Year who made significant contributions to the Hilton Family of Hotels with the most number of project approvals in 2006. To be considered, all hotels in the candidates' Hilton Family portfolio had to be rated high-quality and in good status, and could represent a combination of new projects, renovations and conversions.

The recipients of the Developer of the Year award are:

**Multi-Brand Award
Winner**

Sam Chang
McSam Hotel Group LLC
Two Hampton Inn hotels in
Manhattan
Two Hilton Garden Inn hotels in
Manhattan
One Doubletree in Manhattan
One Homewood Suites by Hilton
in Hartford, Conn.

Hampton

Neel Shah
Imperial Developments, LLC

Duluth, Ga.
Hampton Inn & Suites
Scottsboro, Ala.
Hampton Inn Forsyth, Ga.
Hampton Inn & Suites Atlanta I-
85 North/
Hamilton Mills, Ga.

Hilton Garden Inn

Aleem M. Kassam
Legacy Hospitality, Inc.
Albuquerque, NM
Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque
Uptown, NM

**Homewood Suites by
Hilton**

Jay Shinn
Magnolia Lodging Development,
LLC
Plano, Texas
Homewood Suites by Hilton
Plano, Texas and Homewood
Suites by Hilton Frisco, Texas

Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton also presented awards for Deal of the Year and Best Conversion, which recognizes the tremendous commitment of time and effort many owners devoted to building a particular brand's hotel and converting an existing hotel to the particular brand.

The recipients of the Deal of the Year award are:

Hampton

Jeffrey Lam
Lam Generation
New York, N.Y.
Hampton Inn Manhattan-SoHo

Hilton Garden Inn

Steve Gupta
1406284 Ontario, Inc.
Vaughan, Ontario, Canada
Hilton Garden Inn Toronto
Downtown, Ontario,
Canada

**Homewood Suites by
Hilton**

Mitchell Muroff
Sage Hotel Corporation
Boston, Massachusetts
Homewood Suites by Hilton
Boston - Fenway Park,
Massachusetts

The recipients of the Best Conversion award are:

Hampton James Karam
Norwood Hospitality, LLC
Fall River, Mass.
Hampton Inn Boston/Norwood

Hilton Garden Inn Al Patel
Baywood Hotels, Inc.
Greenbelt, MD
Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio
Airport, Texas

**Homewood Suites by
Hilton** Bharat Patel
Church Street Lodging
Associates, LLP
Indianapolis, Indiana
Homewood Suites by Hilton
Nashville - Downtown,
Tennessee

In addition, each Hilton Family focused-service brand presented an Outstanding Achievement Award to recognize the due to the developer's support of Hilton and the focused-service brands of Hampton, Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton. Each recipient is committed to growing the respective brands and the Hilton Family by investing in the development of new hotel projects.

The Outstanding Achievement award winners are:

Hampton Ronald R. Kendall
Buffalo Lodging Associates
Stoughton, Mass.
Hampton Inn Danbury, Conn.
Hampton Inn- Buffalo-
Airport/Galleria Mall, N.Y.

Hilton Garden Inn Charles A. Mills, III
Sterling F. Webster, III
OBX Resort, LLC
Kitty Hawk, NC
Hilton Garden Inn Outer
Banks/Kitty Hawk, NC
Hilton Garden Inn Kent Island,
Md.

**Homewood Suites by
Hilton** James Procaccianti
The Procaccianti Group
Cranston, Rhode Island
Homewood Suites by Hilton
Providence - Downtown

“We are extremely pleased to present Sam Chang of McSam Hotel LLC with the Multi-Brand Developer of the Year award,” said Bill Fortier, senior vice president – franchise development, Hilton Hotels Corporation. “The accolade represents our appreciation of his organization’s exemplary commitment to excellence in hotel development, from design to post-opening.”

Multi-Brand Developer of the Year

Sam Chang is founder and owner of **McSam Hotel LLC and MikeSam Constructions Corp.** With more than twenty years of experience in every facet of hotel development and renovation in the hotel industry, Chang has significant expertise in operations, development, construction, renovations and acquisitions. Chang has been involved in numerous development projects that include hotel, residential and commercial development in the New York Metropolitan area, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. McSam Hotel Group LLC is currently developing two Hilton Garden Inn hotels, two Hampton Inn hotels and one Doubletree in Manhattan. In Hartford, Conn., the company is developing a Homewood Suites Hotel.

Hampton Developer of the Year

Hampton Hotels presented the award for Developer of the Year to **Imperial Developments, LLC.** Since 1993, the Atlanta-based company has developed, opened and managed eight Hilton franchises. In 2006 alone the company was approved for three upcoming Hampton Inn projects-- the Hampton Inn Scottsboro, Ala., Hampton Inn Forsyth, Ala. and the Hampton Inn I-85 North, Ga. The company also has two Hilton Garden Inn properties under construction—the Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Airport North, Ga. and the Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Northeast, S.C.

Hilton Garden Inn Developer of the Year

Hilton Garden Inn presented **Legacy Hospitality Group, Inc.,** based in Albuquerque, NM with the Developer of the Year award. Aleem Kassam is the president and CEO of Legacy Hospitality Group, Inc., Faizel Kassam heads up construction and the company is financially managed by Mohamed Kassam. The company has grown from a small regional hotel owner/operator to a progressive and forward thinking hotel development company through the building and acquisition of properties domestically as well as expanding and growth internationally. Legacy Hospitality Group, Inc., owns 19 hotels in four different countries with four properties currently under development. In addition to its numerous developments of Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton hotels, they look forward to developing additional Hilton Family hotel brands in the near future. At present, Legacy Hospitality Group, Inc., is developing a Hilton Garden Inn in Albuquerque, NM, which is scheduled to open in the 4th quarter of 2007 and will feature 150 rooms and 4,000 square feet of flexible meeting space.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Developer of the Year

Magnolia Lodging Development, LLC was recognized as Developer

of the Year by Homewood Suites by Hilton. G. J. Shinn has owned, developed, and managed hotels since 1982. In 1998, he formed Magnolia Lodging, LLC with partners Wayne Newton and Matthew Newton to manage his hotels at a high level of performance. He is well known and respected by those in the industry, as evidenced by his long standing term on the Homewood Suites Advisory Council and various other industry leadership positions. His hotels have always been run in an outstanding fashion, and his many awards confirm this. In fact, in 2005, The Homewood Suites Plano/Richardson was ranked Top Hotel in the brand in 2005 and all 3 of his Homewood's were ranked in the top 10% of the brand, and thus received special recognition in the Homewood directory. He is currently involved with partners in a new development project, a 117 unit Homewood Suites in Frisco, Texas.

Conference Backgrounder

Themed "Unwind & Engage" the conference offered opportunities for more than 1,100 attendees to learn, network and build relationships through general sessions, brand-specific meetings, workshops and presentations.

Company Backgrounder

Hilton Hotels Corporation (NYSE:HLT) is the leading global hospitality company, with more than 2,800 hotels and 495,000 rooms in more than 80 countries, including 150,000 team members worldwide. The company owns, manages or franchises a hotel portfolio of some of the best known and highly regarded brands, including Hilton®, Conrad®, Doubletree®, Embassy Suites Hotels®, Hampton Inn®, Hampton Inn & Suites®, Hilton Garden Inn®, Hilton Grand Vacations™, Homewood Suites by Hilton®, Scandic and The Waldorf=Astoria Collection®.

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