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**HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES TOP DEVELOPERS
FOR FOCUSED-SERVICE BRANDS**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., January 31, 2006 – Hilton Hotels Corporation announced its top developers and hotels during its Focused Service Brand Conference for Hampton Inn[®], Hampton Inn & Suites[®], Hilton Garden Inn[®] and Homewood Suites by Hilton[®] held in Orlando, Florida, January 17-18, 2006. The conference was attended by more than 1,100 guests, including owners, operators and Hilton corporate team members.

Each brand recognized a *Developer of the Year* for the developer who had the greatest number of project approvals or who developed one or more unique hotels that helped enhance the brand's image in 2005. Together, the brands also recognized a multi-brand developer with a *Developer of the Year* award who made significant contributions to the Hilton Family of Hotels with the most number of project approvals in 2005. 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
Howard Porter & Tom Hunt
The Hotel Group, Inc.
Auburn, Ala.
Homewood Suites by Hilton Huntsville-
West/Madison, Ala.
Hilton Garden Inn Macon/Mercer University,
Ga
- ♦ Hampton
Corry W. Oakes, III
OTO Development, LLC
Spartanburg, S.C.
Hampton Inn Garden City, N.Y.
Hampton Inn & Suites Las Vegas, Nev.
Hampton Inn Cypress, Calif.
- ♦ Hilton Garden Inn
Darko Vranich
Vrancor Development Corporation
Burlington, Ontario
Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Burlington –
Ontario Canada and Hilton Garden Inn
Niagara-on-the-Lake – Ontario Canada

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- ♦ Homewood Suites by Hilton
Terry L. Hall, James J. Matuszak, Joe A. Romkema, Jeff Good-HRC Hotels, LLC
East Lansing, Mich.
Homewood Suites by Hilton Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield, Ind.
Homewood Suites by Hilton Downtown Indianapolis, Ind.
Homewood Suites by Hilton Bloomington, Ind.

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
LaNise and Leo Burke
Martis Creek Inc.
Truckee, Calif.
Hampton Inn & Suites Tahoe/Truckee, Calif.
- ♦ Hilton Garden Inn
Sam J. Friedman
Dimension Development Company, Inc.
Natchitoches, La.
Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio Rivercenter – San Antonio, Texas
- ♦ Homewood Suites by Hilton
Atul Patel
HMB Management Inc.
Allentown, PA
Homewood Suites by Hilton Edgewater, NJ

The recipients of the *Best Conversion* award are:

- ♦ Hampton
David H. Snell
Highgate Holdings, Inc.
Irving, Texas
Hampton Inn Times Square North – New York, N.Y.
- ♦ Hilton Garden Inn
David H. Snell
Highgate Holdings, Inc.
Irving, Texas
Hilton Garden Inn Times Square – New York, NY

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In addition, each Hilton Family focused-service brand presented an *Outstanding Achievement Award* to recognize 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
Stephen L. Schwartz
First Hospitality, Inc.
Rosemont, Ill.
Hampton Inn Chicago – Downtown - Chicago, Ill.

- ♦ Hilton Garden Inn
Walter E. Thompson, Jr.
Thompson Hotels, Inc.
Grasonville, Md.
Hilton Garden Inn Kent Island –
Kent Island, Md.

- ♦ Homewood Suites by Hilton
Dave Toor
Manga Hotels International
Mississauga, Ontario
Homewood Suites by Hilton Toronto International
Airport - Toronto, Ontario Canada

“We are pleased to present Howard Porter and Tom Hunt of The Hotel Group 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 their commitment to excellence to the Hilton Family of Hotels, from design state to post-opening.”

Multi-Brand Developer of the Year

The Hotel Group, Inc. (THG) is an independent hospitality management and development company headquartered in Auburn, Ala. THG currently has seven Hilton Family properties in its portfolio, including the Hampton Inn Tupelo in Tupelo, Miss., and Hampton Inn Troy in Troy Ala.; three Hilton Garden Inn hotels in Ala., including the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn; Hilton Garden Inn Huntsville and Hilton Garden Inn Montgomery; in addition to the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Montgomery, Ala., and the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Huntsville, Ala.

In addition to managing properties in the growing Alabama and Mississippi markets, THG also manages hotels in Philadelphia/Franklin Mills, Penn.; a Hampton Inn in Manhattan/Seaport, N.Y.; a Hilton Garden Inn in Dover, Del., and in Macon/Mercer University, Ga.

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Hampton Developer of the Year

Headquartered in Spartanburg, S.C., OTO Development, L.L.C., is the latest hospitality company launched by H. Wayne Huizenga and George D. Johnson, Jr. The company was established to build premier select-service and extended-stay hotels in certain high-barrier-to-entry U.S. markets. Since its inception in 2004, OTO Development LLC has been awarded 11 license agreements by Hilton, including 10 Hampton hotel properties in California, Nevada and one the east coast, and a Homewood Suites by Hilton in Fresno, Calif.

Hilton Garden Inn Developer of the Year

Hilton Garden Inn presented the *Developer of the Year* award to Vrancor Development Corporation. Based in Burlington, Ontario Canada, Vrancor Development Corporation and Vrancor Hospitality Management is a multi-brand development and management company which has two Hilton Garden Inn hotels in Toronto/Burlingame and Niagara-on-the-Lake. In addition, there are 10 properties currently under construction or in the development phase throughout Southern Ontario.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Developer of the Year

HRC Hotels was recognized as *Developer of the Year* by Homewood Suites by Hilton. Jeff Good of HRC Hotels is an enthusiastic brand champion who has a vision of Homewood Suites by Hilton as a 500-unit brand. Along with his partners, Terry Hall, Jim Matuszak and Joe Romkema, he's doing his part by developing four great Homewood Suites by Hilton projects so far. He's a super resource who not only serves on our advisory council but also contributes operational solutions to help the brand stay comfortably ahead of competitors in quality, efficiency and financial rewards. In addition to their existing Homewood Suites by Hilton property at Indianapolis airport, Jeff and partners are developing Homewood Suites by Hilton hotels in northwest Indianapolis, in downtown Indianapolis, and in Bloomington, Indiana.

Conference Background

Themed "Sharing Visions, Making Connections" the conference offered opportunities for more than 800 owners to learn, network and build relationships through general sessions, brand-specific meetings, workshops and presentations.

Company Backgrounder

Hilton Hotels Corporation is recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. The company develops, owns, manages or franchises more than 2,300 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties. Its portfolio includes many of the world's best known and most highly regarded hotel brands, including Hilton[®], Conrad[®], Doubletree[®], Embassy Suites Hotels[®], Hampton Inn[®], Hampton Inn & Suites[®], Hilton Garden Inn[®], Hilton Grand Vacations Club,[®] and Homewood Suites by Hilton[®]. For more information on the Hilton Family of Hotels or to make reservations, please visit hiltonfamily.com or call 1-800-HILTONS.

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