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***DAVID HALL NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF  
INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO O'HARE  
CHICAGO'S NEWEST LUXURY PROPERTY***

**Rosemont, IL., (February 11, 2008)** – Esteemed industry veteran David Hall, CHA, has been named general manager of the Chicago area's new luxury hotel brand, InterContinental Chicago O'Hare which opens September, 2008, in fast-growing Rosemont. The former general manager at the Chicago City Centre Hotel and Spa will oversee the soon to be unveiled 560-room upscale property, managed by Portfolio Hotels & Resorts, based in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. InterContinental Chicago O'Hare will boast 53,000 square-feet of prime meeting and event space, an in-house theater, an art gallery, and three restaurants. It is located within close proximity to the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center and convenient to McCormick Place and Chicago's Loop.

"David brings a wealth of leadership expertise to this expanding and vibrant marketplace and I am delighted to welcome him to our family," said Lew Fader, vice president of operations, InterContinental Hotels & Resorts - North America. "The new property is unlike any other and will enrich the area as well as draw travelers to Chicago and its suburbs."

This experienced industry veteran was also the general manager of three hotels at Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, Ga., where he oversaw operations of properties encompassing more than 1,000 rooms. Hall was named "Hotelier of the Year" by the Georgia Hospitality and Travel Association and founded the Atlanta Airport Marketing Coalition. In Chicago, Hall is committed to growing the local economy and tourism business. He has served on the board of directors of the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau and is currently serving his fifth term on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association.

Business groups and leisure travelers are already reserving rooms at InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, which is focusing exclusively on providing guests with an authentic Chicago experience. Guests have everything they need at their fingertips, including world class dining with renowned brands McCormick & Schmick's, Osteria di Tramonto, and The Capital Grille, along with on-site and live entertainment at the hotel's premier in-house theater. For information or reservations, please call **847-544-5300**, or visit [www.icohare.com](http://www.icohare.com).

**About Portfolio Hotels & Resorts:**

Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, IL, Portfolio Hotels & Resorts is a hospitality management company that specializes in managing unique, boutique-style hotels, destination resorts and significant urban hotels in domestic and international markets. The company was established in 2005 by former Chicago-based Coastal Hotels founders Helmut Horn and Graham Hershman, industry veterans whose past experience includes development of the Hawthorne Suites brand, the Highlands Inn in Carmel, CA, and Cheeca Lodge in the Florida Keys. Their current portfolio of 15 branded and independent hotels includes the four boutique Inns of Monterey properties in Monterey, CA; the Orchard Garden Hotel in San Francisco, the first newly constructed LEED-certified hotel in California; the 426 room Holiday Inn Select in Naperville, IL, and the 570 room Radisson Hotel LAX. For more information about the company, visit [www.portfoliohotels.com](http://www.portfoliohotels.com)

**About The InterContinental Chicago O'Hare and InterContinental Hotels Group**

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is the newest luxury offering in the Rosemont and Chicago area, located near the soon-to-be-developed Rosemont Walk. It is the latest premier hotel from InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (IHG) of the United Kingdom [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is one of the world's largest hotel groups by number of rooms. IHG owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 3,800 hotels and more than 571,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. IHG owns a portfolio of well recognised 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 programme, Priority Club® Rewards with over 37 million members worldwide.