



INTERCONTINENTAL.  
CHICAGO O'HARE

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**CHICAGOLAND'S NEW DESTINATION HOTEL,  
INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO O'HARE, OPENS DOORS**  
*Rosemont Mayor Bradley Stephens Celebrates with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony*

**ROSEMONT, IL (September 8, 2008)** – The sophisticated, modern design-forward 556-room InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, Chicago's newest destination hotel for meetings, events and business travelers, celebrates its Grand Opening today. The debut of the Windy City's second InterContinental Hotels & Resorts property is being commemorated with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 a.m., attended by Rosemont Mayor Bradley Stephens, Rosemont Convention Center General Manager Chris Stephens, and InterContinental Chicago O'Hare General Manager David Hall.

"InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is a destination hotel with great proximity to Chicago's major hub, O'Hare International Airport" said General Manager David Hall. "Our dedication to providing the finest in the arts, culture, and lifestyle is woven throughout every element of the property. Guests will surely discover and enjoy an engaging architectural design, world-class facilities, and impeccable services."

Managed by Portfolio Hotels & Resorts in Oak Brook, IL, InterContinental Chicago O'Hare features a variety of amenities for business and leisure travelers alike, including 70 Executive and VIP suites with soaking tubs and invigorating steam showers; the exclusive InterContinental Club Lounge; a dedicated flight center where guests can check the real-time status of their flights and take advantage of online check-in; and three world-class restaurants, including McCormick & Schmick's and The Capital Grille. Most notably, the property boasts an unprecedented art gallery, which is managed by full-time curator Editions Limited, and displays a bi-annually rotating collection of commissioned artwork from well-known local and international artists. The hotel embraces all of the arts, including canvas, sculpture, music and culinary, and integrates them into an intriguing setting of culture and elegance. Daily champagne site tours of the new hotel and its beautiful original paintings and sculptures are available.

This dedication to arts is woven throughout InterContinental Chicago O'Hare. The hotel's 556 stylish guest rooms and suites are each accented with original works by Chicago artists, Thomas Masters and Jay Ryan. The hotel also features a 275-seat, live entertainment venue which will play host to a variety of musical and comedy acts.

Groups and social event planners are already booking functions in InterContinental Chicago O'Hare's 53,000 square-foot of flexible meeting and event space, which includes four Grand Ballrooms and nine private boardrooms. Elaborate galas, weddings, board meetings and other special events, are artfully presented under custom-designed rose sculptured lighting with the impeccable service and eye for detail that clearly define InterContinental.

Located five minutes from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport, InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is close to the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, and is convenient to McCormick Place and Chicago's Loop. For information or reservations, please call 847-544-5300, or visit [www.icohare.com](http://www.icohare.com).

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**About Portfolio Hotels & Resorts:**

Headquartered in Oak Brook, IL, Portfolio Hotels & Resorts is a hospitality management company that specializes in managing unique, boutique-style hotels, destination resorts and significant branded 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 16 branded and independent hotels includes the five 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 upscale Harvest Inn in St. Helena, CA; the 802 room Sheraton Gateway LAX; and the 470 room Hyatt Regency Woodfield. 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 program, Priority Club® Rewards with over 37 million members worldwide. For more information about the company, visit [www.icohare.com](http://www.icohare.com).