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New Eco-Savvy InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Utilizes 100% Renewable Energy

Rosemont, IL, September 16, 2008 – Chicagoland's new eco-savvy and luxury destination hotel, the 556-room InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, is going above and beyond in its quest to lighten businesses' impact on the environment. Not only does the sophisticated, design-forward property utilize 100% renewable energy credits from wind, but the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare also features a green roof, recycles all materials used throughout its hotel and convention area, and helps businesses and organizations support sustainability with its "Green Meetings" program.

"The InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is dedicated to significantly lessening our carbon footprint on the earth, as well as raising awareness in our community about the importance of preserving our natural resources," said David Hall, general manager of the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare. A contemporary destination for business and leisure travelers alike that opened September 8, 2008, the property is managed by Portfolio Hotels and Resorts, which also operates one of the first LEED-certified hotels in the U.S.

The InterContinental Chicago O'Hare's eco-savvy measures include:

- **Utilizing 100% Renewable Energy Credits** from wind via Constellation New Energy in Baltimore, MD. This is equal to saving more than 390,000 gallons of gasoline annually and removing 631 cars from the road.
- **Lighting costs cut approximately 40%** by using compact fluorescent light bulbs, dimmable fluorescent bulbs, and LED lights.

- **Property-wide recycling of all glass, paper, cardboard, batteries, aluminum, and compact fluorescent bulbs**, including recycling containers in all guest rooms.
- **Green roof** is covered with a reflective coating that significantly cuts down the building's cooling costs, and will soon be home to drought-resistant plants.
- **Biodegradable water bottles made from corn** are placed in all guest rooms and are available for group meetings and events.
- **InterContinental Chicago O'Hare's management and associates are committed to the hotel's "I CARE" program**, which stands for, "I Care, I Conserve and I replenish the Earth", a partnership with the local community to create awareness of energy efficiency and the environment.
- **"Green Meeting Package"** - Meeting and event planners can participate by selecting organic and sustainable local meals, recycled paper and pencils, LCD projectors and screens, biodegradable water bottles, biodegradable centerpieces, and other amenities.

Located five minutes from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport, the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is near the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, and is convenient to McCormick Place, Chicago's Loop, world-renowned shopping, and fine dining. For information or reservations, please call **847-544-5300**, or visit www.icohare.com.

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 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.

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

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