



INTERCONTINENTAL.
CHICAGO O'HARE

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***PATRICK COOK NAMED DIRECTOR OF SALES AND MARKETING
AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO O'HARE
CHICAGO'S NEWEST LUXURY PROPERTY OPENING SEPTEMBER 3***

Rosemont, IL., (June 11, 2008) – Patrick Cook has been named director of sales and marketing for the Chicago area's new luxury hotel, the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare which opens September 3, 2008, in fast-growing Rosemont. Cook brings more than 21-years of hospitality experience to the 560-room luxury property, managed by Portfolio Hotels & Resorts, based in Oakbrook, IL. He previously held the position of director of sales and marketing at the Holiday Inn Select Naperville, also managed by Portfolio Hotels & Resorts. *"Patrick is a seasoned hotelier and his wealth of industry expertise will be a valuable asset to our unique venue, which masterfully blends contemporary art and cutting-edge design with world-class service,"* stated General Manager, David Hall.

Cook will oversee development and execution of all marketing initiatives for this dazzling new destination hotel which will offer more than 53,000 square-feet of premium meeting and event space, a live entertainment theater, Museo art gallery and three world-class restaurants. He holds a BS in Marketing from Salisbury University in Maryland and currently resides in La Grange Park with his wife and three children.

The InterContinental Chicago O'Hare is located minutes from the airport, close to the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center and is convenient to McCormick Place and Chicago's Loop. Savvy business and leisure travelers are already reserving rooms, suites and meeting and event space at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare. Everything is at one's finger tips, including a gourmet trio of restaurants to include Osteria di Tramonto, McCormick & Schmick's, and The Capital Grille, along with extensive and impeccable on-site amenities to include live entertainment at the hotel's premier in-house theater. For information or reservations, please call **847-544-5300**, or visit **www.icohare.com**.

About Portfolio Hotels & Resorts:

Headquartered in Oakbrook, 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 [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.