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Hostmark Taps Peter Connolly as Executive Vice President of Operations and Development

Schaumburg, IL, November 30, 2009 - Hostmark Hospitality Group, one of the nation's largest third-party hotel management companies, announced today that the firm has added Peter D. Connolly to serve in the position of Executive Vice President of Operations and Development. This addition is one of the many steps the firm is taking to add accomplished executives that align with the firms' growth objectives.

"Peter Connolly has had a distinguished career in a variety of legal and business roles with prestigious travel and hospitality organizations," commented Jerome Cataldo, HHG President. "We are pleased that Peter will continue that career with Hostmark by joining us in this leadership position. He is a perfect fit for our team at a time when Hostmark is growing and expanding."

Connolly was of counsel to Jeffer, Mangel, Butler & Marmaro in its global hospitality practice, where he designed and documented hotel financial structures, including hotel condominium and traditional hotel structures, and negotiated management agreements, hotel purchase and hotel finance agreements on behalf of various developer and management company clients.

From 1982 to 2000, Connolly was with the Hyatt organization, where, as general counsel of the hotel company, he was responsible for hotel operating legal issues, acquisitions, divestitures, financings, management arrangements and owner relationships. In 1996 and 1997, Connolly ran Hyatt's development department, and was responsible for the acquisition and/or development of several Hyatt properties. Connolly retired from Hyatt in 2000, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Information Officer of the company.

Connolly began his career at United Airlines as a trial attorney, and during eight years at the Chicago-based carrier, he had responsibility for several antitrust litigations, the airline deregulation movement, economic regulatory and corporate legal affairs.

He is a member of the bars of Illinois, the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Providence College and Catholic University Law School.

About Hostmark Hospitality Group:

Hostmark Hospitality Group (www.hostmark.com) is a leading hospitality management firm operating upscale full service hotels, resorts, focused service hotels and restaurants worldwide. Headquartered in Schaumburg, IL, with Development offices in Boulder, CO, and Cairo, Egypt, Hostmark Hospitality Group is an award winning operator of Marriott, Hilton, Intercontinental Hotels Group, Starwood and Wyndham Hotels. Under consistent leadership spanning more than four decades, Hostmark Hospitality Group operates independent boutique hotels as well as other luxury resorts, and concept restaurants. Hostmark Hospitality Group has a proven longstanding reputation for performance-driven results through superior operating and asset management.

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