

Merrillville, IN (March 23, 2010) WHITE LODGING NAMES MARK AFTANSKI TO LEAD ILLINOIS SELECT SERVICE HOTELS AS REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

White Lodging, one of the leading independent hospitality, development and management companies in the United States has appointed Mr. Mark Aftanski to the position of Regional Vice President to oversee operational and financial performances for its select service hotels in Illinois.

“I am confident that Mark’s combination of multi-unit management, brand knowledge and independent management experience make him a great match for this role,” states Jon Peck, Chief Operating Officer of White Lodging’s Hospitality Management Division.

Most recently, Mr. Aftanski served as a Regional Vice President with Chicago based Hyatt Corporation. Serving as part of the successful launch team for the Hyatt Place and Hyatt Summerfield Suites brands, his region was presented with the first two *Properties of the Year* and *General Manager of the Year* awards. Prior to his Hyatt appointment Mr. Aftanski was a regional director with North Dakota based Tharaldson hotels group where he had oversight responsibility for Marriott and Hilton Products.

**White Lodging Services Corporation** was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Indiana. White Lodging is a fully integrated hotel ownership, development, and operations company – a recognized leader that has defined and cultivated the ability to achieve consistent, sustainable growth among mid- to large-scale hotels across the country. Their current portfolio consists of 148 hotels in eighteen states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Hotels Corporation, Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, InterContinental Hotel Group, and Carlson Hotels Worldwide.

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