

## **KEW GREEN HOTELS WINS EXCELLENCE IN HR AWARD FROM HCPTA**

LONDON, AUGUST 8, 2007 - - Kew Green Hotels (KGH) has won the won the prestigious **‘Excellence in Human Resources’ Award** from the **Hotel and Catering Personnel and Training Association.**

Ros Hardiman, Director of Human Resources and her colleague Tonee Reid, Human Resources Officer were recognised for the exceptional support they offer to the managers of the group’s 18 hotels, in particular:

- Comprehensive online HR information resource for managers
- Oversees recruitment initiatives
- Broad range of training activities for all employees
- ‘Fast Track’ management training programme to develop future General Managers
- Short and long term performance related incentives

The Hotel and Catering Personnel and Training Association (HCPTA) exists to provide a forum for human resources specialists and other interested parties in the hotel and catering industry.

The HCPTA chose KGH for the award for its “de-centralised model of HR which was established by this small team, starting with a blank piece of paper. In just over 2 years they have introduced a cohesive HR strategy to support the growing business, including the integration of 500+ TUPE employees.

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The key focus has been on employee stability and retention at a time of rapid growth. The group has

exceeded budgeted profit, as well as winning a number of awards for quality from branded partners.”

Paul Johnson, Managing Director of Kew Green hotels said “I am delighted that Kew Green has been recognised with this award. In a very short time and with a team of only two, we have introduced a structured, innovative HR strategy and highly professional policies, procedures and development programmes, into a dynamic, rapidly growing business.”

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Notes to editors:

**Kew Green Hotels Ltd ([www.kewgreen.co.uk](http://www.kewgreen.co.uk))** was formed in September 2001 to develop and operate branded hotels in the UK. It is backed by HBOS and Moorfield Group, a specialist property finance group, which holds a number of diverse property related investments.

The company has grown rapidly to 18 hotels and currently operates 12 Holiday Inns plus three Express by Holiday Inns and three Days Hotels. A new generation 218 bedroom Courtyard by Marriott hotel is currently under development at Gatwick Airport, which is scheduled to open in late 2008.

In 2006 Kew Green Hotels was rated as the UK’s second fastest growing private company - the only hotel group in the ranking - according to Library House, which tracks high growth private companies.

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