

**EXPRESS BY HOLIDAY INN STANSTED WINS HOTEL OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS FOR UK/IRELAND AND EMEA**

VIENNA, MAY 9, 2007 - IHG's (InterContinental Hotels Group) top employees and hoteliers gathered together to celebrate their outstanding contribution to the hotel group's success at the 2007 Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Awards.

The awards dinner and ceremony was held at the Hofburg, Vienna's Imperial Palace, with the evening seeing 138 winners from the 622 IHG properties across the EMEA region's four hotel brands – InterContinental Hotels and Resorts, Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and Express by Holiday Inn – honoured in the 16 award categories.

Express by Holiday Inn Stansted, owned by Kew Green Hotels Ltd, won two prestigious awards; the 2006 Hotel of the Year Award for the UK & Ireland and the EMEA Franchise Hotel of the Year Award, with General Manager Tony Wright and Kew Green Managing Director Paul Johnson in attendance to collect the awards.

The Hotel of the Year category recognised seven hotels across each region of the EMEA that have achieved the best results in satisfying all four constituencies; owners, customers, employees and communities. One hotel then goes on to win the top award of Franchise Hotel of the Year EMEA.

Tony Wright, General Manager Express by Holiday Inn Stansted comments "It is a tremendous honour to have had the team's ongoing hard work rewarded with the prestigious accolade of Hotel of the Year. I am sure that this title will inspire each of us, as IHG ambassadors, to strive to achieve even greater results over the coming year."

Richard Hartman, IHG's Managing Director EMEA, commented: "As the world's most global hotel company, the Awards proved a great occasion for representatives from 24 countries to gather in celebration of the outstanding commitment made by each of our hotels and teams to go that extra mile for our customers."

"With guest satisfaction and loyalty at the heart of IHG's core values, we were delighted to be able to recognise and congratulate the individual performances that helped make 2006 such a successful year for IHG in the EMEA region."

Kew Green Hotels Ltd (KGH) operate 15 hotels with IHG, under the Express by Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn brands, with the latest Holiday Inn opening in Norwich City later this month. Paul Johnson, Managing Director of KGH commented; "We are extremely proud that one of our hotels has won the top Award of Hotel of the Year, it is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the General Manager and his team at the hotel."

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## Notes to editors:

**1. 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 17 hotels and currently operates eleven Holiday Inns plus three Express by Holiday Inns and three Days Hotels. It will open a new Holiday Inn in Norwich City Centre in late May 2007 and is developing a new generation 218 bedroom Courtyard by Marriott 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.

**2. InterContinental Hotels Group PLC** of the United Kingdom [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. InterContinental Hotels Group owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 3,700 hotels and 556,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. The Group 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 programme, Priority Club® Rewards with over 31 million members worldwide.

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