



## Driftwood Adds New Hotels and Welcomes New General Managers

MIAMI, FL – (November 15, 2004) – Driftwood Hospitality Management continues to expand its portfolio with new management contracts for the *Crowne Plaza Hotel Allentown* and *Holiday Inn Express Nashville Airport*. This entrepreneurial hospitality company has also tapped 5 new general managers for hotels within the U.S. and Costa Rica.

The newly renovated *Crowne Plaza Hotel Allentown*, an hour north of Philadelphia and minutes from Lehigh Valley International Airport, features 224 guest rooms and provides a full service hotel experience with complimentary in-room high-speed Internet, more than 12,000 sq. ft. of meeting and conference space, indoor pool, and health/fitness center -- conveniently located near golf courses, ski resorts, and the Expo Center.

The centrally located *Holiday Inn Express Nashville Airport* was renovated in 2002, including 206 guest rooms and a two-story glass atrium lobby with stone fireplace and big-screen television. Guests receive complimentary breakfast daily and kids eat free. The hotel is less than two miles from the Nashville International Airport and a short drive from the area's biggest attractions, the Grand Ole Opry, Opryland Amusement Park, and downtown Nashville.

Driftwood has also transferred or hired several new General Managers. **Julie Avino** has joined the *Staybridge Suites Miami Airport West*, **Helinda Lizarraga** at the *Doubletree Tuscon Reid Park*, and **Ariel Mendoza** moves to the newly renovated *Holiday Inn Miami Airport West*. A new hire, **Christy Duprey**, begins at the *Hampton Inn Miami*, and **Manny Gonzalez**, former Driftwood corporate employee, is promoted to general manager of the *Flamingo Beach Resort* in Costa Rica.

"I'm always excited to identify new opportunities, and these new hotels are located in growing metropolitan areas. We are also strengthening existing relationships with these hotel brands," said Carlos Rodriguez, executive vice president of acquisitions/development for Driftwood. He adds, "I'd like to recognize the new and transferred general managers that are sure to be strong assets to our team."

Driftwood Hospitality Management LLC, based in Jupiter, Florida, is one of the fastest growing independent hotel, resort and casino management and development firms in the country today. Established in January 1999 by David Buddemeyer, former Chairman and CEO of Servico Hotels and Resorts, Driftwood owns and/or manages 26 hotels comprising approximately 7,200 rooms throughout the U.S., Caribbean and Latin America. The company manages a variety of lodging types, from destination resorts to downtown convention hotels to suburban hotels and inns. Many of the company's hotels are affiliated with nationally recognized hospitality franchises, including Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn, Doubletree, Radisson, Sheraton and Wyndham.

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