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**Davidson Hotel Company Expands Operational Depth of Corporate and Field Teams**

***Michael McCurdy Promoted to Regional Vice President-Operations,  
Edward J. Buckley Named General Manager, Renaissance Chicago North Shore***

MEMPHIS, Tenn., February 13, 2008—Davidson Hotel Company (DHC), one of the nation's 10 largest independent hotel management companies, today announced that it has added depth to its corporate operations team with the promotion of Michael McCurdy to regional vice president-operations. Additionally, Edward J. Buckley has been named general manager of the Renaissance Chicago North Shore in Illinois, the position previously held by McCurdy.

“Mike has advanced steadily through our ranks during the past decade, holding general manager positions at three of our hotels, and is our only associate ever to win Davidson's General Manager of the Year award on two separate occasions,” said Pat Lupsha, Davidson chief operating officer & EVP-operations. “Mike's leadership skills and proven ability to achieve superior results made him a strong candidate for promotion to regional vice president.

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“His advancement created a new general manager opportunity at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore, the position Mike left,” Lupsha noted. “Ed had distinguished himself in general manager positions at a number of Chicago area hotels, and was very well qualified to fill the role.”

During his tenure as general manager of the Chicago Renaissance, McCurdy helped the property win the company’s prestigious Hotel of the Year Award in 2004. Since joining Davidson in 1997, McCurdy served as general manager for the 312-room Park Vista Resort Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and the 215-room Omni Indianapolis North Hotel in Indiana. Prior to that, the nearly 30-year hospitality veteran held a number of increasingly important managerial positions for the Snavelly Hotel Group and for Harley Hotels. McCurdy received his Bachelor of Science in Food Service and Housing Administration from Pennsylvania State University and his MBA from the University of Tennessee.

Buckley previously was general manager of the 369-room Doubletree O’Hare-Rosemont, near Chicago. He held a number of management positions with other Chicago-area hotels, including chief accountant for the 1,209-room Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers and director of revenue management for the 525-room Westin Hotel O’Hare. He has been general manager of numerous other hotels, including the 307-room Marriott Nashville at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee and the 324-room Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway in Connecticut. Buckley received his Bachelor of Science in Finance and his Master of Business Administration in Marketing, both from Northeastern Illinois University.

**About Davidson Hotel Company**

Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., Davidson Hotel Company is an award-winning, full-service hotel owner and third-party management company that provides management, development/renovation, acquisition, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. The company currently owns and/or operates 30 upscale hotels with nearly 8,800 rooms across the United States, including such brands as Westin, Sheraton, Hyatt, Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Embassy Suites, Doubletree, Marriott, Renaissance, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn. Additional information on Davidson may be found at the company's Web site, [www.davidsonhotels.com](http://www.davidsonhotels.com).