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**Interstate Hotels & Resorts Names Kathleen Barone
Vice President, Global Sales & Strategic Accounts**

ARLINGTON, Va., October 19, 2010—Interstate Hotels & Resorts, the United States' largest independent hotel management company, today announced that Kathleen Barone has joined the company as vice president, global sales and strategic accounts. She previously served as director of sales and marketing at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pennsylvania. In her new position, Barone will be responsible for reinforcing relationships with major corporate accounts and supporting IHR hotels' national account sales efforts. She will report to George Brennan, Interstate's executive vice president, sales and marketing.

“Kathleen’s diverse industry background in hotel sales and marketing, training and development, revenue management, and food and beverage, adds significant depth to our corporate sales capabilities,” Brennan said. “Her previous experience with Interstate, Marriott Corporation and Carlson Companies, combined with her record of achievement and proactive leadership, will make her effective in this position.”

While with the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Barone received Marriott’s Eastern Region Director of Sales and Marketing award in 2009, and Marriott’s Global Director of Sales and Marketing award and the Eastern Region Director of Sales and Marketing award in 2008. The awards were based on total hotel revenue achievements and outstanding leadership in the

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industry. Earlier in her career, as director of sales and marketing at the Green Tree Radisson, in Pittsburgh, she was part of an elite team selected to help reposition the hotel as one of Pittsburgh's top properties following a \$15 million renovation.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa.

About Interstate Hotels & Resorts

Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of a joint venture between subsidiaries of Thayer Lodging and Jin Jiang, is the nation's largest independent hotel management company based on revenue managed. The company and its affiliates manage and/or have ownership interests in 227 properties with more than 45,000 rooms in 36 states, the District of Columbia, Russia, India, Mexico, Belgium, Canada, Ireland and England. The company has ownership interests in 54 of those properties, including six wholly owned assets. For more information about Interstate Hotels & Resorts, visit the company's Web site:

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