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BOB VOELKER AND GATEWAY HOSPITALITY GROUP

RECEIVES OWNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

AT HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION FOCUSED-SERVICE BRAND CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, Oh., Feb. 21, 2003 -- Hilton Garden Inn presented Bob Voelker and his company Gateway Hospitality Group with the **OWNER OF THE YEAR** award at the second annual *Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Performance Awards* presented at the Hilton Hotels Corporation Focused-Service Brand Conference in Las Vegas.

Voelker received the Owner of the Year Award for accomplishing the greatest number of project approvals in 2002 and for providing extraordinary contribution to the Hilton Garden Inn brand. Voelker and Gateway Hospitality Group opened three hotels within 12 months including the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe in Pa., the Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Gateway in Ohio and the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Allen in Tx.

Voelker is also owner of the Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Twinsburg, his first Hilton Garden Inn which opened May 4, 1999. Voelker, a pioneer supporter of the Hilton Garden Inn product, conceptualized the use of expanding the focused-service property with large meeting and banquet space. Meeting and banquet space allows for large functions serviced by in-house chefs and Voelker views the food and beverage as the mainstay of his success. "So goes food and beverage, so goes the hotel," stated Voelker. He continued, "The goal is to bring the mentality of a freestanding restaurant to a hotel catering operation, enabling us to meet each customer's needs, not to make them fit into a set of concepts that we determine for them. The interaction between chef and customer often produces unique menu and presentation ideas that groups can't get at any other hotel."

Voelker, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, is also trained in Hospitality Management and Operations. Using his extensive hospitality background, Voelker successfully created a formula in Gateway Hospitality Group managed properties for high-quality in food and beverage, propelled by high-quality and affordable focused-service products to yield high-volume, thus increasing profit margins to withstand economic fluctuations.

Hilton Garden Inn hotels offers award-winning service, and a wide array of services making the brand a first choice among local businesses, corporate and leisure travelers throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. All Hilton Garden Inn guestrooms provide complimentary high-speed Internet service as well as an in-room hospitality center with refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. Hotel business services include a 24-hour, complimentary business center, meeting rooms, swimming pool and fitness center.

The Hilton Garden Inn brand is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation; recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. For reservations or more information, please visit the Hilton Garden Inn Web site at www.hiltongardeninn.com.

The Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe is located at 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA., 15317, 724.743.5000, FAX 724.743.5010

The Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Gateway is located at 1100 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH., 44114, 216.658.6400, FAX 216.658.6405

The Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Allen is located at 705 Central Expressway S, Allen, TX., 214.547.1700, FAX 214.547.1705