Choice Hotels Names Gregory A. Bublitz Vice President & Controller

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Choice Hotels International, Inc. today announced its Board of Directors has appointed Gregory A. Bublitz to the position of vice president, finance, and controller, effective immediately, reporting to Joseph M. Squeri, senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Bublitz, 45, previously held the position of vice president, finance, joining Choice in January 2000. In his new role, he will serve as the chief accounting officer for the company.

"Since joining Choice, Greg has been a significant contributor in improving our financial systems and in developing more timely reporting of financial information," said Squeri. "He has shown leadership in assisting senior management with complex issues and developing a more capable financial team."

Prior to joining Choice, Bublitz was vice president and chief financial officer of Wise Metals Company, a privately held international metal trading and recycling firm. Before that, he worked with Alumax Primary Aluminum Corporation for 13 years in various financial positions.

A 1977 graduate or Western Illinois University, he earned an M.B.A. from DePaul University in 1982. He is a certified public accountant.

Choice Hotels International is the second largest hotel franchisor in the world, with more than 4,000 hotels, representing more than 330,000 rooms, open in 41 countries. Its Comfort, Quality, Clarion, Sleep Inn, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn and MainStay Suites brands serve guests worldwide.

Additional corporate information may be found on the Choice Hotels' Internet site, which may be accessed at: <u>http://www.choicehotels.com/</u>.

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