Choice Hotels Reports Record Results for Second Quarter 2006; Diluted EPS Up 12.5%, Net Income Up 12% Over Prior Year

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Choice Hotels International, Inc., today reported the following highlights for the second quarter of 2006:

- * Diluted earnings per share (EPS) increased 12.5% to \$0.36, compared to \$0.32 for second quarter 2005.
- * Net income grew 12% from \$21.5 million in second quarter 2005 to \$24.1 million in the same period of this year.
- * Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") increased 13% to \$44.7 million from \$39.7 million in second quarter 2005.
- * Operating income increased 13% to \$42.1 million, compared to \$37.4 million for the same period in 2005.
- * Total revenues increased 15% to \$140.5 million compared to the second quarter of 2005.
- * Domestic system-wide revenue per available room (RevPAR) increased 7.7%, Average Daily Rate (ADR) increased 5.7% and occupancy rose 110 basis points compared to the second quarter of 2005.
- * Domestic unit growth increased 4.8% compared to the second quarter 2005 (excluding the 2005 acquisition of Suburban, domestic unit growth increased 3.2%).
- * Year-to-date contracts for new construction hotel franchises increased 14% to 106; overall year-to-date new domestic hotel franchise contracts were comparable to the second quarter 2005, with 275 contracts executed in 2006 as compared to 276 in the prior year's first two quarters.
- * Executed five contracts for new upscale Cambria Suites brand during the quarter, with 15 signed year-to-date and 28 since the brand was introduced in 2005. First property in Boise, Idaho expected to open in December 2006.
- * The domestic hotel pipeline of hotels under construction, awaiting conversion or approved for development increased more than 45% from the prior year to 687 hotels, representing 53,765 rooms; an additional 65 hotels, representing 5,993 rooms, were in the worldwide pipeline at June 30, 2006.

"We continue to focus on brand enhancements and are seeing strong growth in occupancy, average daily rate and RevPAR," said Charles A. Ledsinger, Jr., president and chief executive officer. "We are pleased with the substantial increase in year-to-date sales of our new construction brands, most notably with our Cambria Suites and Comfort Suites offerings."

"We believe that the inherent strength of our business model, the ongoing improvements to our core brands, and the expansion of our newest brands will enable us to drive top-line and bottom-line growth in a variety of economic cycles," Ledsinger added. "We are very pleased with the 13 percent increase in EBITDA over the prior year's second quarter and remain confident about the company's long-term prospects." The company's third quarter 2006 diluted EPS is expected to be \$0.46. Full-year 2006 diluted EPS is expected to be \$1.45. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") is expected to be \$175 million. These estimates include the following assumptions.

- * The company expects net domestic unit growth of approximately 4% in 2006;
- * RevPAR is expected to increase 5% for third quarter 2006 and 6% for full-year 2006;
- * The effective royalty rate is expected to increase 3 basis points for full-year 2006;
- * All figures assume the existing share count, include stock-based compensation expense and assume an effective tax rate of 36% for full year 2006.

Use of Free Cash Flow

The company has consistently used its free cash flow (cash flow from operations less capital expenditures) generated from its operations to return value to shareholders. This is primarily achieved through share repurchases and dividends.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, the company paid \$16.9 million of cash dividends to shareholders. The annual dividend rate per common share is \$0.52.

The company has remaining authorization to purchase up to 5.1 million shares under the share repurchase program. Repurchases will continue to be made in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions subject to market and other conditions. No minimum number of shares has been fixed. Since Choice announced its stock repurchase program on June 25, 1998, the company has repurchased 33.6 million shares of its common stock for a total cost of \$711.9 million through July 25, 2006. Considering the effect of a two-for-one stock split in October 2005, the company has repurchased 66.6 million shares at an average price of \$10.69 per share.

The company expects to continue to return value to its shareholders through a combination of share repurchases and dividends, subject to market and other conditions.

Conference Call

Choice will conduct a conference call on Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at 10 a.m. EDT to discuss the company's second quarter 2006 results. The call-in number to listen to the call is 1-877-209-0397. The conference call also will be Web cast simultaneously via the company's Web site, <u>http://www.choicehotels.com/</u>. Interested investors and other parties wishing to access the call on the Web should go to the Web site and click on the Investor Info link. The Investor Information page will feature a conference call microphone icon to access the call.

The audio of the call will be archived and available on <u>http://www.choicehotels.com/</u> for those unable to listen to the call on July 26. The call will also be available for replay until August 26, 2006, by calling 1-800-475-6701 (access code 832732).

Items Impacting Comparability

Acquisition of Suburban

During 2005, the company acquired Suburban Franchise Holding Company, Inc.

("Suburban"), which included 67 Suburban Extended Stay Hotel units open and operating in the United States. The results of operations for Suburban have been included in the company's results of operations since September 28, 2005.

Two-for-One Stock Split

In October 2005, the company effected a two-for-one stock split of its outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share. Unless otherwise noted, all share information in this release and in the accompanying exhibits, including per share amounts, have been proportionally adjusted as if the two-for-one stock split had been effective as of the date or period presented.

About Choice Hotels

Choice Hotels International franchises more than 5,200 hotels, representing more than 430,000 rooms, in the United States and more than 40 countries and territories. As of June 30, 2006, 687 hotels are under development in the United States, representing 53,765 rooms, and an additional 65 hotels, representing 5,993 rooms, are under development in more than 20 countries and territories. The company's Cambria Suites, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Clarion, Sleep Inn, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn, MainStay Suites and Suburban Extended Stay Hotel brands serve guests worldwide.

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

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward- looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities law. Such statements are based on management's beliefs, assumptions and expectations, which in turn are based on information currently available to management. Actual performance and results could differ from those expressed in or contemplated by the forward-looking statements due to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond Choice's ability to predict or control. The company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 details some of the important risk factors that you should review.

Statement Concerning Non-GAAP Financial Measurements

Franchising revenues, franchising margins, EBITDA, and free cash flows are non-GAAP financial measurements. These financial measurements are presented as supplemental disclosures because they are used by management in reviewing and analyzing the company's performance. This information should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance as promulgated under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP), such as total revenues, operating income, operating margins, and cash flows from operations. The company's calculation of these measurements may be different from the calculation used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited. The company has included exhibits accompanying this release that reconcile these measures to the comparable GAAP measurement.

Cambria Suites, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Clarion, Sleep Inn, MainStay Suites, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Econo Lodge, and Rodeway Inn are proprietary trademarks and service marks of Choice Hotels International, Inc.

Exhibit 1

Choice Hotels International, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30, Variance 2006 2005 \$ % (In thousands, except per share amounts)

REVENUES:

 Royalty fees
 \$53,146
 \$46,515
 \$6,631
 14%

 Initial franchise and relicensing fees
 6,723
 6,591
 132
 2%

 Partner services
 4,900
 4,596
 304
 7%

 Marketing and reservation
 72,742
 62,610
 10,132
 16%

 Hotel operations
 1,180
 1,141
 39
 3%

 Other
 1,849
 842
 1,007
 120%

 Total revenues
 140,540
 122,295
 18,245
 15%

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Selling, general and administrat Depreciation and amortization Marketing and reservation Hotel operations Total operating expenses	72,742 62,610 10,132 16% 800 813 (13) (2%)					
Operating income	42,114 37,417 4,697 13%					
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES: Interest expense 4,044 3,872 172 4% Interest and other investment (income) loss 174 (404) 578 (143%) Equity in net income of affiliates (130) (155) 25 (16%) Loss on extinguishment of debt 342 - 342 NM Other - (53) 53 (100%) Total other income and expenses, net 4,430 3,260 1,170 36%						
Income before income taxes 37,684 34,157 3,527 10% Income taxes 13,548 12,609 939 7% Net income \$24,136 \$21,548 \$2,588 12%						
Weighted average shares outsta basic 65,35	nding- 56 64,452					
Weighted average shares outsta diluted 67,1	nding- 05 66,677					
Basic earnings per share	\$0.37 \$0.33 \$0.04 12%					
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.36 \$0.32 \$0.04 12.5%					

Six Months Ended June 30, Variance 2006 2005 \$ % (In thousands, except per share amounts)

REVENUES:

 Royalty fees
 \$93,010
 \$80,157
 \$12,853
 16%

 Initial franchise and relicensing fees
 12,366
 10,902
 1,464
 13%

 Partner services
 7,682
 7,236
 446
 6%

 Marketing and reservation
 130,718
 111,653
 19,065
 17%

 Hotel operations
 2,160
 2,061
 99
 5%

 Other
 4,022
 1,454
 2,568
 177%
 Total revenues 249,958 213,463 36,495 17%

OPERATING EXPENSES:

	4,991 4,581 410 9% 130,718 111,653 19,065 17% 545 1,561 (16) (1%)
Operating income 72	2,187 59,716 12,471 21%
Interest and other investment (income) loss (53) Equity in net income of affiliates Loss on extinguishment of debt Other Total other income and	
	64,679 53,050 11,629 22% 378 19,503 3,375 17% 301 \$33,547 \$8,254 25%
Weighted average shares outstand basic 65,070	ling- 64,297
Weighted average shares outstand diluted 66,925	ding- 66,498
Basic earnings per share	\$0.64 \$0.52 \$0.12 23%
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.62 \$0.50 \$0.12 24%
Choice Hotels International, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets	Exhibit 2
200	June 30, December 31, 6 2005 dited)
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Deferred income taxes Other current assets Total current assets	\$21,658\$16,92140,72437,1552,6202,6166,7286,30871,73063,000
Fixed assets and intangibles, net Receivable marketing and reservation fees Investments, employee benefit pla at fair value Other assets	146,679 150,376 16,565 13,225 ins, 28,043 23,337 17,259 15,162
Total assets	280,276 265,100
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS'	DEFICIT
Current portion of long-term debt Other current liabilities Total current liabilities	146 146 129,361 119,999 129,507 120,145

Long-term debt	224,331	273,972
Deferred compensation & retire	ment	

plan obligations	35,147	28,987	
Other liabilities	9,314	9,172	
Total liabilities	398,299	432,276	
Total shareholders' deficit	(118,023)	(167,176)	
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	\$280,276	\$265,100	
Choice Hotels International, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash (Unaudited)	Flows	Exhibit 3	
(In thousands)	Six Months Er	nded June 30,	
200 CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING A		5	
Net income	\$41,801	\$33,547	
		\$ 55,5 47	
Adjustments to reconcile net inco cash provided by operating activ Depreciation and amortization Gain on sale of assets Provision for bad debts Non-cash stock compensation Non-cash interest and other inve- (income) loss Loss on extinguishment of debt Equity in net income of affiliates Changes in assets and liabilities: Receivables Receivables Receivable marketing and res fees, net Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other Income taxes payable Deferred income taxes Deferred revenue Other current assets Other liabilities	ities: 4,991 (127) 5,55 estment (107) 342 ; (388) (3,414) ervation	(186) 68 0 2,561 87 (354) (2,778) 5,754) 10,109	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERAT	ING ACTIVITIES	62,459	63,278
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING A	CTIVITIES:		
Investment in property and equip Proceeds from disposition of asse Issuance of notes receivable Proceeds from sales of investmen Purchases of investments Other items, net	ts - (1,277)	87 2,834	23)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING A	CTIVITIES	(9,487) (10),775)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING A	CTIVITIES:		
Principal payments of long-term of Net repayments pursuant to revo- credit facility Debt issuance costs Excess tax benefits from stock-ba- compensation Purchase of treasury stock Dividends paid Proceeds from exercise of stock of	lving (49,600) (472) ased 11,983 (1,132) (16,925)	73) (73) (23,704) (193) - (18,843) (14,494) 984 9,255	5
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING A			8,052)

Net change in cash and cash e Cash and cash equivalents at		4,737		4,451	
period	16,921	28,51	8		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	S AT END OF PE	RIOD	\$21,65	58	\$32,969

* Net cash provided by operating activities for the six month ended June 30, 2005 includes approximately \$6.0 million of excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company began reporting these excess tax benefits as cash flows from financing activities as a result of the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards no. 123R "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation."

> EXHIBIT 4 CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING INFORMATION DOMESTIC HOTEL SYSTEM (UNAUDITED)

> > For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

	Average Daily Rate Oce	cupancy	RevPAR	
COMFORT INN	\$69.	76 57.9	9% \$40.4	10
COMFORT SUITES	81	30 64.	3% 52.2	24
QUALITY	64.26	50.8%	32.63	
CLARION	77.11	48.1%	37.11	
SLEEP	64.64	58.6%	37.87	
MAINSTAY	66.48	63.7%	42.33	
ECONO LODGE	50.	52 43.3	3% 21.8	9
RODEWAY	48.57	41.9%	20.33	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYS	TEM*	\$67.21	53.7%	\$36.12

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005

	Average Da Rate	aily Occupai	ncy Re	evPAR	
COMFORT INN	\$	65.58	55.7%	\$36.	51
COMFORT SUITES		75.65	61.59	% 46.	52
QUALITY	62.1	49	9.5%	30.78	
CLARION	71.	87 47	7.8%	34.35	
SLEEP	60.39	9 56.	4%	34.06	
MAINSTAY	62	.37 6	0.6%	37.80	
ECONO LODGE		48.13	43.6%	5 21.0	0
RODEWAY	46	5.22 <i>4</i>	43.4%	20.05	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYST	EM*	\$63	3.51	52.5%	\$33.32

	Average Da Rate C	-	ancy	RevP	٩R	
COMFORT INN	6	6.4%	220 k	ops	10.7%)
COMFORT SUITES		7.5%	280	bps	12.3	%
QUALITY	3.4%	6 1	30 bps	6	.0%	
CLARION	7.39	% 3	30 bps	8.	.0%	
SLEEP	7.0%	22	0 bps	11.	2%	
MAINSTAY	6.6	% 3	310 bp:	s 1	.2.0%	
ECONO LODGE		5.0%	-30 k	ops	4.2%	
RODEWAY	5.	1% -	150 bp	DS	1.4%	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYS	TEM*	5	5.8%	120 k	ops	8.4%

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2006

	Average Rate		pancy	RevP	AR	
COMFORT INN		\$71.84	4 64.	0%	\$45.9	7
COMFORT SUITES		83.0	4 69	9.5%	57.7	72
QUALITY	66	5.18	56.5%	37	.36	
CLARION	7	7.77	53.5%	41	L.63	
SLEEP	66.	69 6	55.2%	43.4	47	
MAINSTAY	6	57.43	70.3%	ώ 4	7.39	
ECONO LODGE		52.09	9 47.	.5%	24.7	5
RODEWAY		49.98	44.59	% 2	22.23	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYST	EM*	:	\$69.01	59.	2%	\$40.87

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2005

	Average Daily Rate Occupancy RevPAR
COMFORT INN	\$67.32 61.7% \$41.51
COMFORT SUITES	77.37 67.3% 52.09
QUALITY	64.39 55.0% 35.44
CLARION	73.33 53.8% 39.46
SLEEP	62.49 62.5% 39.07
MAINSTAY	63.75 66.7% 42.55
ECONO LODGE	49.68 48.4% 24.05
RODEWAY	46.93 47.2% 22.15
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYST	EM* \$65.30 58.1% \$37.95

	Average Daily Rate Occupancy RevPAR
COMFORT INN	6.7% 230 bps 10.7%
COMFORT SUITES	7.3% 220 bps 10.8%
QUALITY	2.8% 150 bps 5.4%
CLARION	6.1% -30 bps 5.5%
SLEEP	6.7% 270 bps 11.3%
MAINSTAY	5.8% 360 bps 11.4%
ECONO LODGE	4.9% -90 bps 2.9%
RODEWAY	6.5% -270 bps 0.4%
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYS	TEM* 5.7% 110 bps 7.7%

* Amounts exclude Suburban activity from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 because comparable pre-acquisition data for Q2 2005 is not available.

For the Qu	For the Quarter Ended		Ionths Ended
6/30/2006	6/30/2005	6/30/2006	6/30/2005

 System-wide effective

 royalty rate
 4.12%
 4.09%
 4.10%
 4.08%

EXHIBIT 5 CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL HOTEL AND ROOM SUPPLY DATA (UNAUDITED)

J	une 30, 2006 June 30, 2005
Н	otels Rooms Hotels Rooms
COMFORT INN	1,411 110,440 1,448 114,023
COMFORT SUITES	417 32,786 402 31,648
QUALITY	692 68,407 612 61,783
CLARION	157 23,262 155 23,543
SLEEP	320 24,133 317 24,169
MAINSTAY	27 2,047 28 2,189
SUBURBAN	64 8,439
ECONO LODGE	825 50,673 795 49,741
RODEWAY	203 12,469 169 10,381
DOMESTIC FRANCHISES	4,116 332,656 3,926 317,477
INTERNATIONAL FRANCHI	SES 1,168 98,818 1,161 97,211
TOTAL FRANCHISES	5,284 431,474 5,087 414,688

Variance

	Hotels Ro	oms	% %	1
COMFORT INN	(3	37) (3,5	83) (2.69	%) (3.1%)
COMFORT SUITES		15 1,	138 3.7	7% 3.6%
QUALITY	80	6,624	13.1%	10.7%
CLARION	2	(281)	1.3% ((1.2%)
SLEEP	3	(36)	0.9% (0.	1%)
MAINSTAY	(1)	(142)	(3.6%)	(6.5%)
SUBURBAN	64	8,43	9 NM	NM
ECONO LODGE	:	30 9	32 3.8%	6 1.9%
RODEWAY	34	2,08	8 20.1%	20.1%
DOMESTIC FRANCHISES		190	15,179	4.8% 4.8%
INTERNATIONAL FRANCI	HISES	7	1,607	0.6% 1.7%
TOTAL FRANCHISES		197 1	6,786	3.9% 4.0%

EXHIBIT 6 CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION BY BRAND DEVELOPMENT RESULTS -- NEW HOTEL CONTRACTS (UNAUDITED)

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

	New Construction	Conversio	on Total	
COMFORT INN	24	4 18	42	
COMFORT SUITES		41 2	43	
QUALITY	5	57	62	
CLARION	1	18	19	
SLEEP	10	-	10	
MAINSTAY	3	1	4	
SUBURBAN	6	2	8	
CAMBRIA SUITES	1	5 -	15	
ECONO LODGE	-	- 23	23	
RODEWAY	1	48	49	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYSTE	EM	106	169	275

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005

	New Construction	Conv	ersion	Total
COMFORT INN	20)	25	45
COMFORT SUITES	:	29	3	32

QUALITY	2	72	74	
CLARION	1	8	9	
SLEEP	22	1	23	
MAINSTAY	9	-	9	
SUBURBAN	-	-	-	
CAMBRIA SUITES	6	-	6	
ECONO LODGE	4	49	53	
RODEWAY	-	25	25	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYSTEM		93	183	276

% Change

	New Construction	Conve	rsion	Total	
COMFORT INN	2	0%	(28%)	(7%	6)
COMFORT SUITES		41%	(33%	6) 3	4%
QUALITY	150%	б́ (2	1%)	(16%)	
CLARION	0%	12	5%	111%	
SLEEP	(55%)	(100)%)	(57%)	
MAINSTAY	(679	%) N	М	(56%)	
SUBURBAN	NM	Ν	М	NM	
CAMBRIA SUITES	1	50%	NM	150	0%
ECONO LODGE	(1	00%)	(53%	%) (5	7%)
RODEWAY	NM	g	92%	96%	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYS	TEM	149	%	(8%)	(0%)

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2006

	New Construction	Conversio	on Total
COMFORT INN	9	5	14
COMFORT SUITES	:	29 2	31
QUALITY	3	32	35
CLARION	-	9	9
SLEEP	7	-	7
MAINSTAY	1	-	1
SUBURBAN	3	2	5
CAMBRIA	5	-	5
ECONO LODGE	-	14	14
RODEWAY	1	33	34

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2005

	New Construction	Convers	ion To	tal
COMFORT INN	12	2 15	27	7
COMFORT SUITES		16	31	9
QUALITY	1	42	43	
CLARION	-	5	5	
SLEEP	15	-	15	
MAINSTAY	9	-	9	
SUBURBAN	-	-	-	
CAMBRIA	5	-	5	
ECONO LODGE	:	1 33	34	1
RODEWAY	-	16	16	
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYST	ΈM	59	114	173

% Change

New Construction Conversion Total

COMFORT INN	(25%	b) (679	%) (4	18%)
COMFORT SUITES	81	% (33	3%)	63%
QUALITY	200%	(24%)	(19%	6)
CLARION	NM	80%	80%	
SLEEP	(53%)	NM	(53%)	
MAINSTAY	(89%)	NM	(89%	6)
SUBURBAN	NM	NM	NM	
CAMBRIA	0%	NM	0%	
ECONO LODGE	(100	%) (58	3%)	(59%)
RODEWAY	NM	106%	113	8%
TOTAL DOMESTIC SYSTEM		(2%)	(15%)	(10%)

EXHIBIT 7 CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

CALCULATION OF FRANCHISING REVENUES AND FRANCHISING MARGINS

Three Months EndedSix Months Ended(dollar amounts in thousands)June 30,June 30,

2006 2005 2006 2005
Franchising Revenues:
Total Revenues \$140,540 \$122,295 \$249,958 \$213,463 Adjustments: Marketing and reservation revenues (72,742) (62,610) (130,718) (111,653) Hotel Operations (1,180) (1,141) (2,160) (2,061) Franchising Revenues \$66,618 \$58,544 \$117,080 \$99,749
Franchising Margins:
Operating Margin:
Total Revenues\$140,540\$122,295\$249,958\$213,463Operating Income\$42,114\$37,417\$72,187\$59,716Operating Margin30.0%30.6%28.9%28.0%
Franchising Margin:
Franchising Revenues \$66,618 \$58,544 \$117,080 \$99,749
Operating Income \$42,114 \$37,417 \$72,187 \$59,716 Less: Hotel Operations 380 328 615 500 \$41,734 \$37,089 \$71,572 \$59,216
Franchising Margins 62.6% 63.4% 61.1% 59.4%
CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)
(In thousands, except per share Three Months Ended Six Months Ended amounts) June 30, June 30,
2006 2005 2006 2005
Net Income \$24,136 \$21,548 \$41,801 \$33,547 Adjustments: Loss on Debt Extinguishment Costs 217 - 217 - Adjusted Net Income \$24,353 \$21,548 \$42,018 \$33,547
Weighted average shares outstanding- diluted 67,105 66,677 66,925 66,498
Diluted Earnings Per Share\$0.36\$0.32\$0.62\$0.50Adjustments:Loss on Debt Extinguishment Costs-0.01-Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share(EPS)\$0.36\$0.32\$0.63\$0.50

EBITDA Reconciliation

(in millions)

Full-Year Q2 2006 Q2 2005 2006 Actuals Actuals Outlook Operating Income (per GAAP) \$42.1 \$37.4 \$164.9 Depreciation and amortization 2.6 2.3 10.1 Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation & amortization (non-GAAP) \$44.7 \$39.7 \$175.0

SOURCE: Choice Hotels International

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