

## Hyatt's Commitment to Fair and Equitable Workplaces Earns a Perfect Score in the HRC's 2005 Corporate Equality Index

□ **CHICAGO**—February, 2006—Global Hyatt Corporation joins a prominent collection of companies in the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's first ever "Best Places to Work" list for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) employees. Placement on the list comes as a result of Global Hyatt Corporation's **perfect score** in the HRC Foundation 2005 Corporate Equality Index study.

"Global Hyatt proudly accepts this distinction," said Salvador Mendoza, assistant vice president of diversity for Hyatt Hotels Corporation. "Around the world our management is committed to the hiring and advancement of our GLBT employees. We will continue to be a global community leader, committed to creating fair and equitable workplaces."

The largest U.S.-based GLBT civil rights organization, HRC Foundation uses its comprehensive survey to capture data from more than 400 companies that make up the Fortune 500 list, the Forbes list of the 200 largest privately held companies and a select group of companies with 500 or more employees. Global Hyatt's 100% score in the Corporate Equality Index included perfect marks in Hyatt's protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, parity of health care benefits for domestic partners and other pertinent criteria. Adherence to these policies is companywide, ranging from Global Hyatt's corporate headquarters to properties throughout six continents.

"Hyatt and its more than 70,000 associates around the world embrace diversity," said Doug Geoga, president, Global Hyatt Corporation. "Being part of the 'Best Places to Work' for GLBT list will help us attract and retain talented employees."

Global Hyatt joins wellknown companies in a variety of industries such as IBM, American Express, American Airlines, Nike, Eastman Kodak, GlaxoSmithKline and PepsiCo on the "Best Places to Work" for GLBT list.

### About Global Hyatt

There are 215 Hyatt branded hotels and resorts (over 90,000 rooms) in 43 countries around the world, operating under the Hyatt®, Hyatt Regency®, Grand Hyatt and Park Hyatt brands. Currently, there are an additional 30 Hyatt hotels and resorts under development, including 11 new hotels in China. Hyatt Corporation (domestic U.S., Canada and Caribbean hotels) and Hyatt International Corporation (international properties) are subsidiaries of Chicagobased Global Hyatt Corporation. Global Hyatt Corporation is also the owner of Hyatt Vacation Ownership, Inc. operators of the Hyatt Vacation Club (timeshare and fractional residential product), Hyatt Equities, L.L.C. (hotel ownership), Select Hotel Group L.L.C. (which owns, operates and franchises AmeriSuites hotels, Hyatt Place and Summerfield Suites hotels) and U.S. Franchise Systems, Inc. (which franchises Hawthorn Suites, and Microtel Inns and Suites).

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