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**THE COPLEY SQUARE HOTEL IN BOSTON CLOSES FOR RENOVATION**

**Historic Property scheduled to reopen Late Spring 2008 as Four-Star Boutique Hotel**

**(BOSTON) January 14, 2008...**The Copley Square Hotel, located in the heart of Boston's vibrant Back Bay, will close today, January 14, 2008, to undergo a \$14 million renovation. The extensive project will include physical upgrades to the interior of the building as well the addition of a new, high-touch guest service philosophy, "Intuitively Yours." When complete, The Copley Square Hotel will reemerge as a contemporary, four-star boutique hotel with stylish interiors and distinctive amenities for today's business and leisure travelers. The Grand Reopening is scheduled for late spring 2008.

The Copley Square Hotel will feature three distinctive venues for dining, cocktails, and room service. Saint will remain open during the renovation process. Domani Bar & Trattoria will reopen in late February after minor work. The Back Bay Café will be refurbished and relaunched as XHALE, a casual dining restaurant offering a convenient meeting place for breakfast and dinner.

"We are very excited to restore this wonderful crown jewel of the Back Bay. With the neighborhood's stunning architecture, fashionable shops and trendsetting restaurants, The Copley Square Hotel will reestablish itself among the city's most popular boutique hotels for Boston's most discerning visitors," said General Manager John Maibach.

Upon entering the newly renovated hotel, guests will notice the striking lobby décor with its dramatic backlit panels, decorative silver light fixtures, candle niches, and window treatments with a metallic sheen. Check-in and check-out will be quick and efficient with hotel staff using new, ultra-sleek registration pods.

After check-in, guests will relax and rejuvenate in one of the 143 newly redesigned rooms, featuring new interiors and baths at once both luxe and contemporary in feel. Sophisticated fabrics and textures will create timeless decors with palette of champagne, cream, chocolate and taupe accented by heather gray. Decadent and luxurious pillow top beds will invite guests to recharge after their journey. Fully-stocked workstations with ergonomic chairs and an array of technology – including complimentary Wi-Fi and iHomes – will complete the experience.

The Copley Square Hotel opened to acclaim on July 4, 1891, and has the distinction of being the city's second oldest hotel in continuous operation. As full of elegance and vitality as its surroundings, it has inspired generations of guests, including such luminaries as President William McKinley, sports legend Babe Ruth and jazz artists Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington. With its unmatched location, ambience, service and guest amenities, it is sure to inspire many more.

The Copley Square Hotel is located at 47 Huntington Avenue at the corner of Exeter Street, in Boston, Mass. 02116. For more information, or to make reservations, please call 1-800-225-7062 or visit [www.copleysquarehotel.com](http://www.copleysquarehotel.com).

#### About Interstate Hotels & Resorts

As of August 31, 2007, Interstate Hotels & Resorts operated 189 hospitality properties with more than 43,000 rooms in 36 states, the District of Columbia, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Mexico and Russia, including six wholly-owned properties and 20 properties with a minority ownership interest through 13 separate joint ventures. In addition, Interstate Hotels & Resorts has contracts to manage 16 hospitality properties with nearly 4,600 rooms currently under development. For more information about Interstate Hotels & Resorts, visit the company's Web site: [www.ihrco.com](http://www.ihrco.com).

#### About CapStar Hotel Company

The Copley Square Hotel in Boston's fashionable Back Bay district was recently acquired from the

Saunders Hotel Group for an undisclosed amount. CapStar Hotel Company is a hotel investment firm headquartered in Arlington, Va. The company was founded in 2006 by Paul Whetsell, president and principal, who has more than 30 years of hospitality acquisition and operations expertise. Prior to forming CapStar, he was chairman and CEO of MeriStar Hospitality Corporation, one of the nation's largest hotel real estate investment trusts.