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**HOMEWOOD SUITES ST. LOUIS PARK AT THE WEST END WINS OPENING HOTEL OF THE YEAR
FOR HOMEWOOD BRAND**

Hotel recognized as top opening hotel at national conference

MINNEAPOLIS – March 22, 2011 –Homewood Suites by Hilton® Minneapolis/St. Louis Park at the West End today announced it was recently honored with the Opening Hotel of Year award at the brand’s annual conference. Awards were announced during a national brand meeting in Las Vegas. The Homewood Suites St. Louis Park earned the Opening Hotel of the Year award for top performance of a new hotel in the areas of sales, quality, and guest satisfaction. The 125 suite hotel is owned and managed by Torgerson Properties.

“Opening a new hotel in January of 2010 in Minnesota is a challenge in good times. To be honored following an opening in tough economic conditions makes this award all the more meaningful for our company and our deserving managers and hotel team,” said Mitch Peterson, president of Torgerson Properties. “We are honored to be recognized as one of the best of the best within the Homewood Suites portfolio.”



Pictured above (left to right), Bill Duncan, global head of Homewood Suites; Dawn Koenig, vice president Homewood Suites; Tara Halen, hotel director of sales; Holly Crompton, hotel general manager; Frank Saitta, senior director Homewood Suites.

HOMEWOOD SUITES NAMED OPENING HOTEL OF THE YEAR, continued

The Homewood Suites Minneapolis/St. Louis Park at the West End offers studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites. Additional guest amenities include complimentary wireless and wired internet, a daily full hot breakfast in the hotel's hospitality center—the "Lodge"—an evening dinner with drinks every Monday-Thursday evenings, an executive business center, and a 24-hour on-site pantry. The property also offers a swimming pool, business center and meeting space.

Located at in the vibrant and growing West End area of St. Louis Park at 394 and 100, the hotel is surrounded by dining and entertainment options just minutes from downtown Minneapolis (www.homewoodsjp.com).

Torgerson Properties was previously honored by Hilton in 2008 with the Homewood Suites Outstanding Achievement Award for the development of this hotel and Homewood Suites New Brighton, MN through a challenging development landscape.

About Torgerson Properties

Torgerson Properties, owns and operates hotels and restaurants throughout greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, as well as Naples, Florida. Founded in 1929, Torgerson Properties portfolio includes hotel properties under the Marriott, Hilton, Intercontinental, Wyndham and Carlson brands and restaurants under the Green Mill and Perkins brands as well as independent restaurant concepts. Torgerson Properties has been recognized with numerous industry awards for outstanding facilities, staff and guest service. For more information, visit www.torgersonproperties.com.

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