

MORRISSEY HOSPITALITY COMPANIES NAMES BRIAN SCHMECHEL NEW DIRECTOR OF SALES AND MARKETING FOR THE SAINT PAUL HOTEL

Saint Paul, Minn. (June 2010) – Saint Paul-based Morrissey Hospitality Companies has announced that Brian Schmechel, a 24-year hospitality industry veteran, has been named Director of Sales and Marketing for The Saint Paul Hotel, effective immediately. Schmechel, who credits his passion for customer service to an early stint as a bellman for The Saint Paul Hotel, comes to this new position from The Hotel Minneapolis, where he served as General Manager since that property's grand opening in August 2008.

"We could never find a person better-qualified than Brian is for the Director of Sales and Marketing post at The Saint Paul Hotel," notes David Miller, General Manager for The Saint Paul Hotel. "Brian's marketing savvy and his history of success are well known in our industry. We are delighted that he has agreed to return to his roots and lead the marketing and sales efforts at The Saint Paul Hotel."

Prior to his years as General Manager for the Hotel Minneapolis, Schmechel served as Director of Business Development at Minneapolis' Marquette Hotel. During his six-year tenure there, he consistently exceeded revenue targets and furthered his reputation for unsurpassed customer service.

During the late-1980s and 1990s, Schmechel held positions of increasing responsibility at numerous well-known Twin Cities' hotels. He served as the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park from 1998-2002. He also held sales management positions at the Holiday Inn West and Marriott Southwest, both in Minneapolis.

Schmechel, a Green Bay, Wisconsin native, served four years in the United States Marine Corps from 1980-1984. He has two children, and currently lives in St. Francis, Minnesota, with his wife of 26 years, Candi. Schmechel is proud to be both the son and the father of a U.S. Marine. Schmechel is an avid Green Bay Packers fan and an enthusiastic outdoorsman. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, and taking long walks with his wife.

Built in 1910 and currently celebrating its centennial year, The Saint Paul Hotel is the Twin Cities' most established and elegant hotel. The Saint Paul Hotel, a member of the Historic Hotels of America and Preferred Hotels of America, is located at 350 Market Street on Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota. For additional information, call 651-292-9292 or 1-800-292-9292, or visit www.saintpaulhotel.com. The Saint Paul Hotel is managed by Morrissey Hospitality Companies (www.morrisseyhospitality.com).

Founded in 1995, Morrissey Hospitality Companies is a leading hospitality management company with a prestigious portfolio of hotels, restaurants, and sports and entertainment companies. Morrissey Hospitality Companies' Hotel and Restaurant divisions manage well-known properties including Pazzaluna Urban Italian Restaurant, Tria, and The Saint Paul Hotel. Its Sports and Entertainment Division provides destination-restaurant quality food and service to major event venues including the Xcel Energy Center Arena, the Roy Wilkins Auditorium, the Saint Paul RiverCentre, and the 317 on Rice Park event facility.

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