

MORRISSEY HOSPITALITY COMPANIES UNVEILS GIFT CARDS WITH BIG BONUSES, HELPING CUSTOMERS DOUBLE THEIR HOLIDAY GIVING BUDGETS

Buy \$100 in gift cards, get an additional \$100 for The Saint Paul Hotel, The St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna, The Hotel Minneapolis, restaurant Max and Tria

Saint Paul, Minn. (October 2008) – Saint Paul-based Morrissey Hospitality Companies (MHC) has announced a new gift card offer just in time for the holiday gift-giving season. Starting November 3, 2008, every shopper who purchases \$100 worth of gift cards from one of MHC's six participating properties—The Saint Paul Hotel, The St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna Urban Italian Restaurant, The Hotel Minneapolis, restaurant Max, and Tria Restaurant, Bar & Market—will also receive a free bonus package including five promotional cards. Each promotional card will be good for \$20 at each of the other five properties. With this new gift card offer, gift card purchasers will receive \$200 in value for every \$100 they spend.

This gift card offer begins on Monday, November 3, and will be good through December 31, 2008. Available online, in-store or via the phone.

MHC's President Bill Morrissey explains how it will work: "Let's say someone purchases four, \$25 St. Paul Grill gift cards to give to their co-workers," he says. "In addition to their four gift cards, The St. Paul Grill will give them a package containing five, \$20 promotional cards—one for The Saint Paul Hotel, one for Pazzaluna, one for the new Hotel Minneapolis, one for restaurant Max in downtown Minneapolis, and one for Tria Restaurant, Bar & Market in North Oaks. Gift card purchasers can use these valuable cards as additional holiday gifts, making their shopping dollars stretch twice as far, or even save one or two to enjoy themselves. There isn't another offer like this in the market."

"We know everyone will be looking for ways to extend their gift-giving budgets this year," Morrissey explains. "At all of our MHC properties, we're delighted to give this extra gift to our guests this holiday season."

Gift cards can be purchased by phone, at any of the establishments, or online at each establishment's website:

- Morrissey Hospitality Companies, 345 St. Peter St. #2000, St. Paul, (651) 221-0815, www.morrisseyhospitality.com
- The Saint Paul Hotel, 350 Market Street, St. Paul, (651) 292-9292, www.saintpaulhotel.com
- The St. Paul Grill, 350 Market Street, St. Paul, (651) 224-7455, www.stpaulgrill.com
- Pazzaluna, 360 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, (651) 223-7000, www.pazzaluna.com
- Tria Restaurant, Bar, and Market, 5959 Centerville Rd, North Oaks, (651) 426-9222, www.triarestaurant.com
- The Hotel Minneapolis, 215 South 4th St., Minneapolis, (612) 340-2000, www.thehotelminneapolis.com

- restaurant Max, 215 South 4th St, Minneapolis, (612) 340-0303, www.therestaurantmax.com

The \$20 promotional cards will expire on March 31, 2009 and are valid at the specified location only.

Founded in 1995, Morrissey Hospitality Companies has grown into the Midwest's 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 in the Twin Cities and throughout the Upper Midwest. 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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