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**Wingate by Wyndham® Manhattan Midtown's James DeLorge II Named
General Manager of the Year**

NEW YORK – April 14, 2009 – James DeLorge II, general manager of the Wingate by Wyndham® Manhattan Midtown hotel, was recently recognized as 2008 General Manager of the Year by Interstate Hotels & Resorts' select-service division, Crossroads Hospitality.

Interstate, the nation's largest independent hotel management company, operates 224 full- and select-service properties and approximately 45,000 rooms in 37 states, the District of Columbia, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Mexico and Russia. The company carefully selects one general manager out of 120 select-service managed hotels for the "2008 General Manager of the Year, Crossroads Division" award based on various criteria including high achievement in associate satisfaction and guest satisfaction scores, increased market share, and exceeding budgeted revenue and gross operating profit.

"I am honored to have been chosen to receive this award," said James DeLorge II. "It is especially meaningful to be recognized out of the many terrific general managers I have worked with and know at Interstate, who are the best of class in our industry."

In 2006, DeLorge led the successful opening of the flagship Wingate by Wyndham Manhattan Midtown, and subsequently earned "Hotel of the Year" and "Sales Team of the Year" awards from Wyndham Worldwide. Under his leadership the hotel has consistently exceeded expectations.

DeLorge joined predecessor company Interstate Hotels Corporation in 2001 as director of revenue of the Hilton Hartford. He served in directors of sales positions at several properties including: the Four Points by Sheraton Manhattan Chelsea, where he earned the prestigious Sales Excellence award; the Hilton Garden Inn Glastonbury; and the Residence Inn by Marriott Manchester. He also serves on Crossroad's General Manager Council. DeLorge earned a degree in Sales and Marketing at Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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About the Wingate by Wyndham Manhattan Midtown

The Wingate by Wyndham Manhattan Midtown hotel, located near Times Square in New York's Garment District, is rated in the Top 10% of all New York hotels by TripAdvisor®. The hotel features complimentary wired and wireless Internet access and complimentary hot continental breakfast. With Wyndham Rewards® enrolled guests can earn valuable points for hotel stays, airline tickets, resort vacations, electronics, sporting goods and gift certificates from more than 100 retailers and restaurants. For more information on the Wingate by Wyndham Manhattan Midtown, visit www.wingatehotelnyc.com. The Wingate by Wyndham Manhattan Midtown is operated by Interstate Hotels & Resorts, the nation's largest independent hotel management company. For more information about the company, visit www.ihrc.com.

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