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COASTAL HOTEL GROUP MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO SEATTLE YOGI HUTSEN NAMED PRESIDENT

SEATTLE – Doug Toms and Don Simplat, partners with Coastal Hotel Group, announced today the hotel management company will move its corporate headquarters from Chicago to Seattle.

Additionally, Yogi Hutsen has been named president of Coastal Hotel Group, effective immediately. Hutsen will assume overall operational responsibility for the company's collection of 12 boutique hotels and he is charged with leading the existing assets to realize their full potential and growing the company portfolio with additional properties.

"This is a terrific opportunity for me to remain in Seattle and join a hotel company that is well positioned to be a leader in the upscale boutique market," said Hutsen. "Coastal Hotel Group is a great collection of hotels and I look forward to bringing new properties into the group while creating value for our present assets."

"We acquired Coastal Hotel Group in 2000 and it was always our plan to relocate the company to Seattle," said Toms. "Once we had Yogi on board we knew the time was right. He brings incredible experience and leadership to our company."

Hutsen joins Coastal Hotel Group with more than 25 years of management experience with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., ITT Sheraton and Noble House Hotels and Resorts.

Hutsen sits on boards of directors for the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle King County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Seattle Sports Commission, and Downtown Seattle Association. He is also a gala trustee for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Foundation. He resides in Sammamish, Wash., with his wife and three children.

Coastal Hotel Group is a privately-held, hotel management company. Since its founding in 1987, Coastal Hotel Group has developed a reputation as one of America's finest managers of small luxury hotels. Coastal Hotel Group currently manages 12 properties totaling over 1200 rooms in Illinois, California, Washington, Curacao and the British Virgin Islands. For more information visit the web site at www.coastalhotel.com.

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Photograph of Yogi Hutsen attached.

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