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### **Denihan Hospitality Group Announces General Manager Moves at Affinia Hotels and the Eastgate Tower in New York City**

New York, NY – March 17, 2011 – Denihan Hospitality Group, owners/operators of 13 boutique lifestyle hotels in New York City, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Miami, announces the appointments of four general managers to Affinia Hotels located in Manhattan.

**Alex Spektor** moves from general manager of Affinia Gardens to general manager at Affinia Dumont in Murray Hill. A 16-year Denihan veteran, Spektor replaces **Don Fraser** who became the general manager of the Royal Palm, Miami Beach, when Denihan assumed management of the property late last year. Alex received a degree in technology in 1996 from the New York City College of Technology, where he was also an adjunct professor of Lodging Operations.

Replacing Spektor at Affinia Gardens is new general manager **Glenda Maldonado**, who most recently served as assistant general manager of Affinia Dumont. Maldonado was recruited by Denihan 22 years ago upon her graduation from New York City College of Technology where she earned her degree in hotel and restaurant management. Affinia Gardens is a tranquil suite hotel located on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

**George Drepaul**, who has been with Denihan since 1986, was promoted to general manager of Affinia Shelburne, also in Murray Hill, following a five-year tenure as general manager of Denihan's independent Murray Hill property, Eastgate Tower. Drepaul received his degree from University of Guyana (South America), and later studied hospitality management at New York University.

**Philip Garcia**, previously director of housekeeping at Affinia Manhattan, replaces Drepaul as general manager of Eastgate Tower. Garcia joined Denihan in 1988 and has held assignments at Affinia Shelburne and Affinia Dumont.

Affinia Hotels, with boutique hotels in New York City, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., provide business and leisure guests with an experience of total customized comfort. Guests enjoy spacious accommodations, full length mirrors and the opportunity to customize their stay by building a *My Affinia* profile. Guests can choose from a six-choice pillow menu, personal care items, Ibanez Guitar, golf putter and complimentary Experience Kits such as the Walking Tour kit, to explore each city. All five properties in New York City (Affinia Manhattan, Affinia Gardens, Affinia Shelburne, Affinia 50 and Affinia Dumont) and Affinia Chicago are members of Stash Hotel Rewards, a loyalty program for over 100 independent hotels. Travelers can start earning points today by signing up for a free account at [www.stashrewards.com](http://www.stashrewards.com). Affinia Hotels is operated by Denihan Hospitality Group, a privately-owned company with more than 50 years of hospitality management expertise. [www.affinia.com](http://www.affinia.com)

New York-based Denihan Hospitality Group, one of the nation's fastest growing, full-service management and development companies of stylish boutique hotels, draws upon a 50-year family legacy of providing guests with highly individualized service. Denihan's portfolio includes The James and Affinia Hotels brands; New York City luxury independents, The Surrey and The Benjamin; as well as affiliates including the Royal Palm in Miami Beach, and New York's Eastgate Tower and Buckingham hotels. [www.denihan.com](http://www.denihan.com)

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