



Denihan Hospitality Group Ranks in Inc. Magazine's List of Fastest-Growing Private Companies

NEW YORK (September 1, 2009) – New York-based Denihan Hospitality Group has been recognized with a coveted spot on the 2009 *Inc.* magazine annual ranking of the nation's 5000 fastest-growing private companies. With more than 40 years of hospitality management expertise, the privately owned Denihan Hospitality Group (DHG) owns and operates branded and independent hotels, including: Affinia Hotels, with locations in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C., The Benjamin, The James Chicago and The Surrey, soon to launch on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

DHG came in at the position of 4545 among the *Inc.* 5000 rankings and number 28 among its travel related peers.

"For nearly a half a century, we have sought to distinguish ourselves in the areas of real estate and hospitality management and are honored to be included among the fastest growing companies in the country," said Brooke Barrett, co-CEO of DHG. She continued, "This acknowledgement is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of each and every one of our associates to make our hotels a first choice of our guests and leaders in our categories."

The *Inc.* list represents a comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent-minded entrepreneurs. Consumer electronics maker Vizio, Internet giant GoDaddy, rental car service Zipcar, and beverage maker Honest Tea are among the prominent brands featured on this year's list.

The Inc. 5000 at a Glance

Bolstered by this year's No. 1 company, Northern Capital Insurance, Insurance emerged as the top industry, with an average growth rate of 667 percent. Other strong performers include Energy (523 percent) and Government Services (491 percent).

In total, the companies on the Inc. 5000 have created more than 1 million jobs. Health is the top employer with 156,223 jobs, followed by Business Products & Services (122,911), IT Services (89,632), Food & Beverage (86,572), and Construction (65,494). IT Services had the most companies on this year's list with 658, followed by Business Products & Services (502), Advertising & Marketing (398), Construction (354), and Manufacturing (342).

Methodology

The Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million. The top 10 percent of companies on the list comprise the Inc. 500, now in its 28th year.

About Inc. Magazine

Founded in 1979 and acquired in 2005 by Mansueto Ventures LLC, *Inc.* (www.inc.com) is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that delivers real solutions for today's innovative company builders. With a total paid circulation of 712,961, *Inc.* provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing, and technology. Visit us online at Inc.com.

About DHG

New York based Denihan Hospitality Group is a full service hotel management and development company built upon a successful foundation in real estate, guest service and profitable asset management. Experts in the boutique and luxury hotel industry, DHG owns and manages both independent and DHG branded hotels – The Benjamin, The James and Affinia Hotels – in key gateway cities. For more information, visit www.denihan.com.