

**GREGORY M. SMITH JOINS DENIHAN HOSPITALITY GROUP
AS EXECUTIVE VP, HUMAN RESOURCES**

New York, NY (September 19,2007) – Gregory M. Smith has joined Denihan Hospitality Group as Executive Vice President, Human Resources. Most recently with Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, Smith brings more than 20 years of experience to the post. In his new position, he will play a key role in the company's long-term plans to grow its Affinia and Benjamin hotel brands in the top 25 U.S. markets. His appointment was announced by Patrick Denihan, co-CEO of DHG and is effective immediately.

Charged with directing all aspects of employee relations, training, employment and staffing for DHG's burgeoning portfolio of properties, Smith has "the leadership skills and performance record that will ensure we attract and retain the top talent in the field as we expand," says Denihan.

Prior to joining DHG, Smith was Senior Vice President, Human Resources of Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. Previous human resources positions within the hospitality industry include Interstate Hotels and Resorts (2001 – 2006), Choice Hotels International (1999 – 2001) and Promus Hotels (1993 – 1999). Before joining the hospitality industry he gained valuable human resources experience in positions with Advanced Services, Inc. (an affiliate of General Electric), MCI/Telecom USA and the Navy Federal Credit Union.

Smith earned B.A. and J.D. degrees from Tulane University and Tulane University School of Law, respectively.

With a half-century of hospitality management expertise, the family-owned Denihan Hospitality Group operates two brands: Affinia Hotels and The Benjamin. Affinia Hotels offers an array of hotel options to suit particular lifestyle and travel preferences in prime locations in Manhattan and Chicago, and includes the Affinia Dumont, the Affinia 50, the Affinia Gardens, the Affinia Manhattan, and the Affinia Chicago. The Affinia Shelburne will make its debut in spring of 2008. The Benjamin provides an experience of true luxury with the highest level of service in an intimate, boutique-style setting. Based in New York City, DHG also manages several independent hotels in Manhattan and Washington DC. DHG's mission is to grow its portfolio nationally through acquisitions, ventures/partnerships, and management contracts. In addition to expanding both of its core brands, DHG also plans to leverage its expertise to

manage other branded and independent properties. For more information, visit www.denihan.com.

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