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Mr. Tom Torgerson
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Dear Tom:

I am delighted to let you know that Torgerson Properties has been chosen as the winner of the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand 2008 Outstanding Achievement award. Congratulations!

You were able to secure control of a strategic site in St. Louis Park, MN through a lease agreement with an extremely difficult land owner with whom numerous other developers could not come to terms. The negotiation lasted for over a year without pause. In the meantime, you secured another great site in New Brighton for another Homewood Suites property (as well as a site for a Hampton in Fairmont, MN). These three properties received approval in July, September, and October, respectively. You were then able to secure financing by the end of October for all three properties and get them under construction within 30 days. WOW! This truly is an outstanding achievement.

Your efforts to grow the Homewood Suites by Hilton brand (and Hampton brand) are critical to our success, and we hope this award helps to convey our appreciation.

On behalf of the Franchise Development and Brand Management teams at Hilton Hotels Corporation, thank you for being an outstanding owner and for your commitment and loyalty to our company.

We hope you enjoy the enclosed award, and we look forward to our ongoing relationship with you. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Craig Mance
Sr. Vice President
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Bill Duncan
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