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CHICAGO'S PALMER HOUSE RECEIVES COVETED PRESERVATION AWARD BY CITY'S LANDMARKS COMMISSION

(Chicago, IL) - Founded in 1871, Chicago's Palmer House, the longest continuously operating hotel in North America has received a 2009 Preservation Excellence Award granted by the City of Chicago Landmarks Commission for exterior and interior rehabilitation and restoration of the Palmer House hotel.

"The Preservation Excellence Awards help to showcase the type of projects that make landmark structures as vital today as when they were built, " said David Mosen, chairman of the Landmarks Commission. "It is also a great way to acknowledge the essential role that property owners and businesses have in protecting Chicago's historic assets and advancing the city's architectural legacy."

"For the Palmer House to receive this award from the Landmarks Commission is to solidly validate the mission we embarked upon for over three years during the restoration and renovation of the hotel," accordingly to Dean Lane, Palmer House General Manager. "It is gratifying to the nearly one thousand people involved with the hotel's restoration that the Landmarks Commission recognizes our constant and unwavering commitment to the preservation of the Palmer House's historic architectural integrity and significance," Lane said. "We feel deeply honored and very proud by this recognition of our work."

The Commission on Chicago landmarks recommends building and districts for landmark protection by the Council. It also works with homeowners, businesses, organizations and developers to promote the preservation and maintenance of historic properties. The Commission has given the Preservation Excellence Awards since 1998.

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