



**GRAVES HOTELS. RESORTS.
APPOINTS VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES & MARKETING
AND VICE PRESIDENT OF HOTEL OPERATIONS**

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MINNEAPOLIS – July 28, 2005 – Graves Hotels.Resorts., the new hotel division launched earlier this week by Minneapolis-based Graves Hospitality Corporation, today announced the promotions of Scott Fischburg to Vice President of Sales and Marketing, and Shawn Nayyar to Vice President of Hotel Operations. Both corporate-level positions have overall responsibility for the company’s portfolio of hotels and resorts throughout the U.S., including the newly rebranded graves| 601 hotel Minneapolis and future Graves-branded properties. Both Fischburg and Nayyar report directly to Benjamin Graves, president of Graves Hospitality Corporation.

“When we looked for candidates to fill these new roles, it was essential to find people who could serve as strategic thought leaders, team motivators, and be capable of helping us produce profitable growth in a highly competitive industry,” said Benjamin Graves. “Both Scott and Shawn quickly rose to the top of our lists, as we recognized their competencies in hotel sales, marketing and operations, and feel confident they will prove invaluable to the sustained success of Graves Hospitality. We’re very excited to welcome them into their new roles, and expect great things from them in the future.”

As Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Scott Fischburg is responsible for developing and implementing all sales and marketing strategies for Graves Hospitality properties in the U.S. Most recently, Fischburg served as the company’s Midwest Regional Director of Sales & Marketing.

With more than 30 years of travel industry sales experience, Fischburg has served in executive-level positions at several major hotel companies, offering an aggressive, proactive and detailed approach to sales and marketing initiatives. Adept at penetrating corporate, association, government, and marketing segments, Fischburg was responsible for generating revenues in both North America and Europe for

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Radisson Hotels & Resorts and ITT Sheraton prior to joining Graves Hospitality in 2002.

Shawn Nayyar, most recently served as Midwest Regional Director of Hotel Operations for Graves Hospitality, serving on special task force teams during hotel openings, conversions and rebrandings. As the newly appointed Vice President of Hotel Operations, he is responsible for developing and implementing the company's overall operational strategies, policies and procedures, as well as guiding the property-level management of rooms and food and beverage divisions. Nayyar's extensive knowledge of operational execution is due to his 20-plus years of hospitality experience.

About Graves Hospitality Corporation

James Graves founded Graves Hospitality Corporation in 1979 as a real estate development and management company. Within the first two years, the company founded AmericInn® Lodging International and, under Graves Hospitality direction, grew that brand to more than 40 properties in 10 years.

In the mid 1990's, Graves Hospitality narrowed its focus and began cultivating niche markets of development in upscale urban core and leisure destination markets. Propelled by success and experience developing major brands such as Marriott, Radisson and Holiday Inn, in 2003, Graves Hospitality's opened a sophisticated modern luxury hotel in downtown Minneapolis, that is today branded the Graves 601 Hotel Minneapolis. This flagship hotel has earned Graves Hospitality many awards, including Best Roll Out Concept Hotel by *Hospitality Design*, the Gold List Reserve of Top Hotels in the World by *Condé Nast Traveler*, and three Gold Key awards from *Interior Design* and *Hospitality Design*. For more information, visit online at www.graves601hotel.com.

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Note to Editors: High-resolution images of personnel, logos and the graves| 601 hotel Minneapolis are available upon request.

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