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## **THE CHATTANOOGAN HOTEL PROMOTES MEETING EXECUTIVE**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** (September 3, 2009) -- The Chattanooga, Chattanooga's AAA Four Diamond-rated upscale hotel with state-of-the-art meeting facilities, has promoted Lisa Crawford to the position of day meeting manager. Ms. Crawford previously held the position of day conference planner. In her new role, she is responsible for bringing day meetings and retreats, planning conferences and seminars to the Benchmark Hospitality International property in downtown Chattanooga, Tenn. She also manages all logistics for the meetings, serving as the primary contact for clients.

Crawford has worked at The Chattanooga for almost five years, serving in a number of different roles, including day conference planner, conference concierge and catering assistant. Before joining The Chattanooga, she worked for Citadel Broadcasting and a Chattanooga marketing company.

Ms. Crawford graduated from Chattanooga State College, and is very active in the Chattanooga community. She volunteers with the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and serves as an ambassador with the organization. Crawford is also The Chattanooga's Employee Campaign Manager for the United Way, an active member of Toastmasters and volunteer with her church.

Crawford has received several honors from Benchmark Hospitality, including The Chattanooga's Employee of the Year Award and Best of the Best Award.

The Chattanooga, a 210,000 square-foot five-story upscale urban resort with 198 guest rooms and suites, has three outstanding restaurants and a pampering day spa. The hotel's 25,000 square-foot conference center features a high-tech learning environment

with comprehensive meeting planning and audiovisual support services. The facility includes 20 dedicated meeting rooms with five general session rooms accommodating 25 to 100 guests; a 16-seat circular board room with a flat data screen; 12 break-out rooms; a 7,500 square-foot ballroom; and an amphitheater with seating for 85. All meeting rooms offer complete networking capabilities and high-speed Internet access.

The Chattanooga is conveniently located within a two-hour drive from Atlanta; Nashville, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Birmingham, Ala. It is within walking distance of the city's museums, galleries, retail stores, restaurants and The Tennessee Aquarium.

The Chattanooga is managed by Benchmark Hospitality International, a leader in the management and marketing of resorts, conference centers, hotels, and Personal Luxury Hotels™. The privately held company, launched in 1980, is a founding member of the International Association of Conference Centers. Benchmark Hospitality is a worldwide organization operating properties in major metropolitan and resort destinations. Benchmark's international headquarters is located in The Woodlands, Texas, near Houston, with regional offices in New Jersey and Connecticut. International offices are located in Tokyo, Japan, and Santiago, Chile. For the location of Benchmark's properties and additional information, visit [www.benchmarkhospitality.com](http://www.benchmarkhospitality.com).

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