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**CROWN PLAZA AUBURN HILLS TRANSFORMS INTO A WINTER WONDERLAND FOR
A GRAND RE-FLAGGING!**

AUBURN HILLS, MI (December 20, 2007) – The Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills celebrated its grand re-flagging with honored guests including government officials and leaders in the corporate community last night. The hotel was transformed to a winter wonderland to commemorate its multimillion dollar renovation. This upgrade includes a renovation to public areas, ballroom, restaurants, guest rooms and the exterior. “We are excited get such rave reviews from our invited guests about our hotel and all the amenities we have to offer,” said Chuck DeSantis, General Manager. “We look forward to continuing our longstanding relationship in the Auburn Hills community.” The hotel also awarded several prizes to many guests. One lucky winner won a 32” hi-definition flat panel television, similar to one that is in every room and suite of the hotel. As the Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills is the ideal location for weddings, two engaged couples won the perfect wedding gift – a complete dinner service for each of their weddings for up to 130 people.

"The City of Auburn Hills is absolutely thrilled at the idea of gaining another terrific upscale hotel for our business community and residents to enjoy," said City Manager Michael Culpepper. "We've long believed that there was a need for a hotel of this quality and are so very grateful that Crowne Plaza has agreed to make this significant investment on our wonderful city. We are confident that they will succeed."

The eight story property is the closest full service hotel to the city's major venues including DTE Energy Music Theater, Palace of Auburn Hills, and Meadow Brook Theatre. For those traveling to the area on business, the hotel is within close proximity to such giants of industry as Chrysler LLC., General Motors, ABB and Fanuc Robotics. The hotel offers amenities such as complimentary wired

and wireless high speed Internet access in all guest rooms, heated pool and fitness center, and a 24-hour business center.

“We are most pleased to become a member of the Crowne Plaza family,” said Chuck DeSantis, General Manager and nine year veteran of the hotel. “This is a great pairing of a city as dynamic and forward-thinking as Auburn Hills and a hotel product as refreshing and thorough as Crowne Plaza.”

The Auburn Hills hotel will feature the Crowne Plaza Sleep Advantage program, which is available at all Crowne Plaza hotels in the Americas. Sleep Advantage encompasses the entire sleep experience, from training staff on how to create and maintain a restful environment to providing innovative products and services. Program components include new bedding with plush duvet and triple sheeted beds, guaranteed wake-up calls, designated quiet zones, night lights, drape clips, sleep CDs, sleep tips and amenities such as eye masks, ear plugs and lavender spray.

Also consistent with the Crowne Plaza brand, the hotel will offer a comprehensive meeting package to ensure a seamless planning process and exceptional meeting experience consisting of three key components: a Two-Hour Response Guarantee, Crowne Meetings Director and a Meetings Daily Debrief. With more than 5,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space, including a ballroom and up to seven meeting rooms, the Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills will provide business travelers with the ideal venue for both meetings and social functions. All meeting rooms are primed for wired internet connectivity.

The hotel also features O'Malley's Irish Tavern, the local gathering place for all travelers to the Auburn Hills area, offers a variety of American cuisine ranging from their signature half-pound “retro” burgers and the best wings in town to tender steaks and house specialties such as stuffed mushrooms, barbequed grilled salmon and a 22 oz t-bone steak. Guests can watch their favorite sporting event on one of nine televisions or take in a game or pool while enjoying an array of specialty beverages.

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