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**COOPER HOTELS ACQUIRES HILTON ORLANDO/ALTAMONTE SPRINGS**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., November 19, 2007—Cooper Hotels, a Memphis, Tennessee-based leading owner/operator of hotels in the eastern half of the U.S., announced today that the company has completed the acquisition of the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. The 311-room property was purchased from HEI Corporation. Together, the purchase price and the cost of extensive renovations planned for the hotel are a \$35 million investment for the company. The hotel will continue to operate as a Hilton hotel.

The Hilton Altamonte Springs targets a cross section of business, group and leisure travelers. It is convenient to major corporations, business centers, upscale malls and Orlando theme parks and attractions.

Privately owned Cooper Hotels will begin a 10-month renovation with continuous guest experience enhancements following. Extensive planning will ensure that inconvenience to guests will be held to a minimum during the renovation process.

“This hotel has enormous potential and Cooper Hotels is committed to doing whatever is necessary to ensure maximum performance,” said Pace Cooper, President and CEO of Cooper Hotels. “For almost half a century our company has owned and operated a stable portfolio of hotels for long-term results with loyal, dedicated employees.”

According to Mr. Cooper, although the property underwent a complete renovation in 2005, improvements will be made throughout the property. The hotel entrance and lobby will be reconfigured, a new restaurant and lounge concept will be introduced, a 2,500 square foot, world-class fitness facility will be created overlooking the pool, public space lighting and décor will be upgraded and new furnishings will be installed throughout the hotel. In addition, three hospitality suites will be added and the pool area will receive a makeover to include enhanced lighting, lush landscaping and sound reduction. Complimentary wireless, high-speed Internet access will be offered in guest rooms and throughout the hotel including the 24-hour business center and 18 function rooms with 20,000 square feet of meeting space.

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Hotel guest rooms and suites will be upgraded with new furnishings, 37-inch high definition plasma televisions, new bathroom designs and water-efficient fixtures. The exterior of the hotel will be enhanced with a bold new color scheme, new landscape design and improved lighting.

The Cooper Hotels portfolio consists of 22 hotels, 13 of which are Hilton brand properties. The Hilton Altamonte Springs is the fourth Cooper property in Florida, joining two Hilton brand hotels in Fort Myers and Naples and a Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers, with a total of over 1,100 rooms and suites. The company also has two new Hilton brand hotels under construction in Fort Myers at Southwest Florida International Airport.

In December, with the opening of Cooper's first Embassy Suites Hotel located at the Detroit Metro Airport, Cooper Hotels will become the first Hilton Hotels Corporation franchisee to operate all six of the major Hilton franchise brands.

For more information on Cooper Hotels visit [www.cooperhotels.com](http://www.cooperhotels.com).

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