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**HOTEL BROKERAGE VETERAN TOM SOMMER JOINS HREC AS VICE PRESIDENT**

(Denver, Co; Chicago, IL) HREC Investment Advisors, the nation's leading hotel real estate advisory firm, is pleased to announce that Tom Sommer has joined the firm's Chicago, Illinois office as Vice President.



Tom Sommer's 18-year career in the hotel industry has included a wide range of experience in various facets of the business. His background extends from hotel franchise sales including market and site selection; hotel acquisition and ownership; to asset and property management. Tom began his hospitality career in 1990 with Days Inns of America selling franchises in the Northern California market. He later moved to Chicago and worked as Director of Franchise Sales for such brands as Ramada, Super 8, Microtel Inn & Suites and Sleep Inn. Tom has also owned and managed two limited-service hotels in the Midwest. Most recently Tom served as Vice President with Mumford Company in the Chicago office where for three years he focused on investment sale brokerage for mid-scale and economy hotels throughout the United States. Tom is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

"I am truly excited to be joining this highly respected organization with such an outstanding and professional team," states Tom Sommer.

"Tom is a great addition to HREC's national platform, further expanding our expertise and experience in the Midwest," comments Mike Cahill, CEO & Founder of HREC. "We are excited to have Tom as part of our Team."

**HREC** is the nation's leading lodging and gaming real estate advisory firm specializing in property sales, mortgage brokerage, equity/JV structuring, consulting (market studies and appraisals), asset management and litigation support. With offices throughout North America, HREC is distinguished by unwavering commitment to client service through its team approach, intellectual capital and hotel/casino specialization.

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