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LOCKWOOD ANNOUNCES NEW WINE DIRECTOR WILLIAM TALBOTT

CHICAGO (June 26, 2008) – The wine program at **Lockwood Restaurant** (17 E. Monroe St.) located inside the newly-renovated Palmer House Hilton will be overseen by **William Talbott** who was appointed today as the new wine director to join the talented culinary team. Talbott will work closely alongside **Executive Chef Phillip Foss** to update the wine menu at Lockwood as well as developing the list at Potter's, the new hotel bar also located on the lobby level.

“William brings forth an incredible amount of enthusiasm, natural people skills and talent to his new post which becomes effective immediately, and guests will enjoy interacting with him,” says Deanne Kelly, Director of Food and Beverage at the Palmer House Hilton. “One of his first objectives will be to update the summer wine lists at both Lockwood and Potter's which couldn't come at a more perfect time,” she adds.

The current wine list at Lockwood includes more than 85 bottles and 18 wines by the glass, along with a full bar of signature cocktails. The striking open-glass wine room featured at the center of the restaurant can fit up to 1,200 bottles. With Talbott on board, the dining establishment is looking to hold regular wine tastings and dinners each season.

Most recently working as the dining room manager at four-star rated Avenues restaurant at the Peninsula Chicago, Talbott was responsible for managing staff as well as organizing weekly wine and spirits tastings at the award-winning establishment. With the opportunity to experience many different roles in the hospitality industry, Talbott also worked as a dining room captain at notable Chicago establishments including Alinea, Charlie Trotter's and Les Nomades.

Talbott is a resident of the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Lockwood Restaurant serves dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Breakfast is served from 6:30 to 11 a.m. and lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. seven days a week. All major credit cards are accepted. For reservations, please call (312) 917-3404 or visit www.lockwoodrestaurant.com for more information.

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