

THE CROWN COLLECTION...Fulfilling Dreams
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INFORMATION – JANUARY 2009

About The Crown Collection...Fulfilling Dreams

Founded in 1986, The Crown Collection is a leading provider of sales, marketing and reservation services in the United States to a select portfolio of fine hotels and resorts, cruises, tours and villas throughout Europe, the U.S. and the Caribbean. With more than 30 members, the company's impressive list of properties, each with its own personality, unique offerings and choice locales offers the discerning traveler a spectacular and memorable holiday experience. Crown personally selects each of its members and maintains a close working relationship with the hotels and resorts, thereby assuring the highest standards and exceptional service to its guests.

The Crown Collection is considered a leader in the upscale travel market and is highly regarded among discriminating travelers and high-end travel agents seeking exceptional products and services. Crown is consistently in the forefront of industry trends and has intimate knowledge of top-producers and key market segments, which allows the company to direct its sales efforts to the best sources of deluxe travel bookings. The company has a proven track record of delivering superior travel products with the utmost care and attention to detail consistent with The Crown Collection's reputation for excellence.

The company's headquarters and North American reservations office is located in Paramus, New Jersey, just 30 minutes from New York City, the major U.S. travel market. The Crown Collection provides reservation services to top producing travel consultants along with affluent consumers worldwide. Along with direct sales, the company incorporates broadcast e-marketing, public relations, mailings, informative websites, and educational seminars for clients. For more information on The Crown Collection, visit its website at www.crownluxurytravel.com

CROWN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Helen D. Fullem, President and Founder, The Crown Collection...Fulfilling Dreams
For over two decades, Helen D. Fullem has led what is considered to be one of the leading travel-marketing firms in the industry, The Crown Collection. In 1986 Ms. Fullem launched Crown International Marketing, Inc. after serving for years as North American Sales Manager for Hotel Le Bristol in Paris, France. It was during her tenure that she established the U.S. sales and reservations office for the hotel. Today, Hotel Le Bristol counts itself among longtime members of The Crown

Collection. Ms. Fullem began her career with The Leading Hotels of the World, where she was Operations Manager responsible for overseeing a worldwide communications and reservations network, as well as travel industry relations. Under her leadership The Crown Collection has expanded to include members throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Caribbean.

S. Lee Bowden, President, Gateway Canyons, Gateway, Colorado
Gateway Canyons is a new resort outpost located in the heart of red rock canyons country of western Colorado. Opened in 2005, guests can experience a wide range of outdoor activities, from mountain and rock climbing, to river sports, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, auto touring and more.

Prior to Gateway Canyons, Lee Bowden served for six years as Managing Director of The Sagamore, a private island resort on Lake George in upstate New York, where he oversaw a multi-million dollar enhancement program touching all aspects of the 350-room luxury resort. Earlier, he was the Vice President and General Manager of The Equinox in Vermont, for ten years. While at The Equinox, he oversaw a \$14 million renovation project and was instrumental in establishing the only British School of Falconry in the United States and the first Land Rover Driving School, two highly successful, distinct partnerships.

During his three decades of truly visionary leadership in the hospitality field, he was the Vice President and General Manager of Carambola Beach Resort on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Island. From 1982 - 1988 Bowden was with The Woodstock Inn and Resort in Woodstock, Vermont, first as director of sales and marketing and then as resident manager. Bowden earned his stripes as sales manager and convention services manager at the landmark Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Earlier in his career he held positions with The Plaza in New York and Kedron Valley Inn and the Inn at Mt. Ascutney, Both in Vermont.

A 1998 Borden E. Avery Innkeeper of the Year, Bowden has served on the Resort Committee of AHMA since 1993 and is a member of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen, The Escoffier Society and the Chaine des Rotisseurs. He is also a Waldorf Astoria Distinguished Alumnus. He holds an M.P.S with an emphasis in marketing from the Cornell School of Hotel Management and also completed its Advanced Management Program. He graduated with a B.A. in economics and Spanish from Hobart College.

An avid outdoorsman, Bowden enjoys alpine skiing, hunting, scuba diving, trap and skeet, sporting clays, falconry and off road driving.

Joseph A. Giacomponello, Former President and CEO, The Leading Hotels of the World Mr. Giacomponello entered the travel industry in 1964 when he joined the Foreign Travel Department of the American Automobile Association (AAA) in New York City where he gained a valuable knowledge about international travel. Within three years he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Department.

In 1969, when AAA decided to relocate its New York office to its headquarters in Washington D.C., Mr. Giacomponello declined a promotion to Manager of the Department as he preferred to maintain his roots in New York where his family was located. He then accepted a position with Camino Tours, New York as Manager of the Escorted Tour Department where he remained for three years. In 1972, he joined Hotel Representative Inc., known throughout the travel industry as HRI, as Director of Operations. After two years he was promoted to Vice-President and in January 1976 he was appointed President and CEO, at the age of 34.

One of his first proposals to the Board was to change the name of the company from the revered HRI to The Leading Hotels of the World, which was approved in April 1976. During his tenure as President the company grew from a hotel membership of 65 hotels, all in Europe, to over 300 judiciously selected five-star luxury hotels in 72 countries throughout the world. From one office in New York with a staff of 11 employees the company grew to 17 offices in capital cities throughout the world with a global staff of over 400 employees. Processed reservations surged from 65,000 in 1972 to 1.1 million at the end of 1997, his last year as President and CEO, before being appointed Chairman of HRI Companies and a member of the Executive Committee of The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd.

In addition, Mr. Giacomponello was responsible for the creation of four subsidiary company's owned by HRI which became the parent company of this small conglomerate, i.e. Prima Hotels which represented 125 four-star hotels; Surecheck Inc. a commission processing firm for the travel industry; Adlux Advertising Inc.; DataLead Communications Inc. a private label reservations company with 65 hotels and The Leading Hotels of the World Ltd. In total, HRI represented more than 500 hotels. He retired on December 31, 1999 after more than 27 years with the company.

During his career, Mr. Giacomponello served on the Board of Westin Hotels and Resorts; The Algonquin Hotel in New York City and Baccarat Inc. More recently,

he has come out of retirement to join the Board of The Crown Collection of luxury travel who's President and CEO is Helen Fullem.

Mr. Giacomponello resides in Garden City, New York, has three children and six grandchildren.

Ms Laurence Tafanel, Proprietor, Hotel Esprit Saint Germain, Paris
When Laurence Tafanel decided to open a hotel it came as no surprise. As a descendent from a long line of hoteliers, owning a hotel was inevitable. In fact, her grandparents were hoteliers in Paris, in addition to owning a beverage distribution company. Today, Ms. Tafanel serves as General Manager of Tafanel, the family's 75-year-old beverage distribution company, a respected supplier to Paris' leading restaurants, bars, cafes, pubs, and hotels. Keeping with family tradition, she also oversees operations for her 28-room hotel.

Ms. Tafanel's personal experiences were the inspiration behind Hotel Esprit Saint Germain. But more importantly, Ms. Tafanel wanted the hotel to be, in her opinion, the ideal hotel – a home away from home. After a three-year, \$10 million renovation, that vision became Hotel Esprit Saint Germain.

The attention to detail reflects Ms. Tafanel's desire to provide guests with the very best of everything, including personalized services and the latest in technology and state-of-the-art equipment. The total renovation of two adjoining 18th century buildings included a stylish interior featuring raw plaster walls, slate tiles, marble flooring, warm leather and rich fabrics. The 28 guestrooms feature flat-screen TVs, wall mounted DVD/CD players, cordless phones, king-size beds, tea and coffee making facilities, mini-bar and luxurious en-suite bathrooms.

Complementing this tireless attention to design is an attitude that always places guests first. Total guest satisfaction is the catalyst for the hotel's success. As a successful entrepreneur Ms. Tafanel understands that it takes a team of committed staff to provide the service that meets and exceeds guests' expectations. As a result, Ms. Tafanel has created a working environment that encourages camaraderie, pride and loyalty that resonates in the level of service provided.

Stephen Frederick Price, General Manager, Spirit Dance Hotels & Resorts
After graduating from the esteemed Cornell School of Hotel Administration, Stephen Price began his hospitality career at the renowned Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Within a short period of time, Mr. Price became the general Manager of the Inn at Waterville Valley, Waterville Valley, New Hampshire and at

Topnotch at Stowe, in Stowe, Vermont. From the U.S. northeast, Mr. Price accepted a position as General Manager at Club St. Croix, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Since 1990, he has been General Manager at Spring Creek Ranch, Jackson, Wyoming; a role he maintains today. Mr. Price is also a Partner/ COO of Spirit Dance Hospitality, a management company operating small independent hotels and restaurants in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He is a member of the Resort Committee of the American Hotel/Motel Association since 2005, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Jackson Resort Association and Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce, in addition to his position as Executive Board member of The Crown Collection.

Evelyn Weber, Hotel Manager, Hotel St. Barth Isle-de France, St Barth's, F.W.I With a career in the hotel industry spanning thirty-six years, Evelyn Weber has pursued her love of people and her quest for providing the best in hospitality to fine resorts in the Caribbean and Europe. Entering the industry in Martinique in 1970 as a Public Relations and Social Director at the Martinique Hilton, this native of Washington D.C, then moved on to St. Martin in 1973, as Assistant General Manager at the Grand St. Martin.

At the end of 1974, Ms. Weber began a long association with St. Martin's famed La Samanna as Assistant General Manager. In 1992, she shifted her focus to Europe, opening and managing Hotel Club du Pecheur on the small Corsican island of Cavallo for that summer season. After attending the Universita per Stranieri in Perugia to develop her skills in Italian, she joined the spa resort, Terme di Saturnia in Tuscany, as Hotel Manager from 1993 to 1995.

Moving back to the Caribbean and the island of St. Barths in 1995, Ms. Weber began what has been a 14-year relationship with the lovely Hotel St. Barths Isle-de France as Manager, assisting in positioning the resort as one of the finest luxury properties in the Caribbean.

Thomas Kleber, Managing Director, Park Hotel Vitznau-Lake Lucerne, Switzerland Mr. Kleber has been active as Managing Director of the Park Hotel Vitznau since December 2004, and is responsible for the continuous quality improvement and the further development of this famous and historic hotel.

Born in the Rhineland in 1965, Mr. Kleber's hotel career started with training in gastronomy at the Hotel Marina on Lake Starnberg. Thereafter, he worked at Hotels Königshof and Rafael in Munich before traveling to New York and Paris. In 1996, Mr. Kleber became Assistant to the Director of Brenner's Park-Hotel &

Spa at the youthful age of 31; by 1999 he had already been promoted to Deputy Director. Through his collaboration, the hotel, which belongs to the Oetker Hotel Collection, was renovated and successfully repositioned.

While continuing his work, Mr. Kleber furthered his education at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and at the German Wine Academy, where he passed an examination attesting to his skill as an instructor. Between 1994 and 1996 he studied hotel management at the Steigenberger Academy for Hotel Management in Bad Reichenhall, qualifying with the state certification for hotel and restaurant management.

For Thomas Kleber, people – whether guests, employees or colleagues – take centre stage: “Each employee represents a spoke of a wheel – and only when each one performs its function well does the wheel roll along.” Kleber attaches top importance to consistently excellent service of the highest order and a guest-oriented, faultless product. His motto: “An enthusiastic guest is the best form of advertising.”

Thomas Kleber likes to spend the little free time he has with his wife and their three children.

Konstantin Bissias, President, Sea Cloud Cruises

Born in Munich, and raised in Germany and Greece, Mr. Bissias inherited his love of the travel industry from his mother, who was involved in the cruise industry, and his father who was a tour operator.

Mr. Bissias received his Master of Tourism degree in 1992, and in 1994 became Director of Group Sales for International Reisen in Munich. In 2001, he was named Managing Director of Air Maritime Seereisen in Munich. Within two years, Mr. Bissias moved to Sea Cloud Cruises, Hamburg, as Vice President of Marketing and Sales. In 2005, he was named Senior Vice President, and since 2006, has held the position of President of Sea Cloud Cruises. In 2007, Mr. Bissias was appointed to the Board of Directors of The Crown Collection.