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SPRING IS IN BLOOM WITH NEW SWEET & SOUR COCKTAILS AT THE LOBBY BAR INSIDE INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill. (April 20, 2009) – For those looking to welcome in the return of warm weather, head over to **The Bar** at the **InterContinental Chicago** (505 N. Michigan Ave) and check out the new array of seasonal cocktails. The Spring variety focuses on fruity flavors that blend sharp and bitter punches with sugary touches. The new cocktail menu pairs a plethora of berries and fruit to enhance the flavor, while centering on classic ingredients such as *Sweet Vermouth, Veev Acai Liquor* and fresh juices.

Some of the featured libations at The Bar this spring include:

Treetini (\$13)

VeeV Açaí (ah-SIGH-ee) Berry Spirit, Fresh Lime Juice and a Splash of Simple Syrup **For every Treetini purchased at the Intercontinental, a tree is planted and a donation is made to rainforest preservation.**

Kiwilicious (\$13)

Belvedere Vodka, Simple Syrup, fresh Lime Juice

Aprigo (\$13) Absolut Vodka, Apricot Brandy, Fresh lemon Juice and Mango Pure

Gin & Melon Sour (\$13) Bombay Saphire Gin, Melon liquor and a Splash of Sprite

Strawberries in Spring (\$13) Hendricks Gin, Simple Syrup, a Splash of Orange Juice and fresh Strawberries

Platinum Margarita (\$13) Patron Silver Tequila, Cointreau mixed with Sweet & Sour Mix

In addition, celebrate your Chicago pride by trying one of these Michigan Ave. specials:

Mag Mile Mango Martini (\$13) Grey Goose Vodka, Mango Schnapps and Fresh Mango Puree

505 N. Michigan Ave French Martini (\$13) Absolut Mandarin, Chambord with a Splash of Pineapple Juice

Michigan Avenue Manhattan (\$13)

Makers Mark, Sweet Vermouth, Served up or on the Rocks with a Cherry Garnish

The **InterContinental Chicago** is the only hotel with a front entrance on the prestigious Magnificent Mile, Chicago's most desirable address. Originally built in 1929 as the Medinah Athletic Club, an exclusive luxury men's club, the property is one of Chicago's most elegant landmarks. The hotel features 792 refurbished guest rooms, including 73 lavishly decorated suites. The hotel's historic, junior Olympic size pool is recognized as one of the best indoor pools in the U.S. and is included in Chicago's major architectural tours. Dining and entertainment options in the hotel include: Zest, a bistro featuring contemporary, fresh American cuisine; the Lobby Bar featuring classic cocktails and Eno, an upscale, approachable and lively lounge that offers an easily paired selection of wine, cheese and chocolate. For more info, visit www.icchicagohotel.com.

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