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**CITY INN APPOINTS DEDICATED GROUP  
GENERAL MANAGER OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007* – City Inn is delighted to announce the appointment of Jonathan Byrne as General Manager of Meetings and Events for the group. The position will see Jonathan working with the General Manager at each of the five hotels across the UK, and will be responsible for delivering the business strategy for meetings, events and private dining as well as business development and revenue generation.

Jonathan has a wealth of experience in the Conference and Events sectors and joins City Inn from the Crown Group, where he held the role of Group Sales and Marketing Director for seven years. Jonathan was responsible for driving the brand and leading the Sales and Marketing functions at a strategic level across the organisation. Previous to this appointment Jonathan has held senior management roles with London Catering Services Ltd and Payne and Gunter Ltd.

Commenting on his appointment, Jonathan says: 'The superior quality of City Inn Hotel's private dining rooms and food and beverage product provides me with a strong base from which to develop the meeting and events brand. A philosophy of achieving the very highest standards,

qualified by my own experience of City Inn as a guest, attracted me to this role. I am motivated by the group's commitment to provide a private dining, meeting and events service that will continue to surpass guest's expectations.'

With the opening of City Inn Manchester and the forthcoming developments in Leeds, Amsterdam and London, meeting and events are becoming an increasingly significant part of the City Inn business and one that requires a dedicated focus in order to achieve the highest standards of customer service delivery.

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**Notes to Editors:**

City Inn continues to dramatically add value to the guest experience. This has been recognised by the industry and consumers through a number of awards and accolades. In addition to the Business Travel World Award 2006 & 2007, City Inn Westminster picked up Group Hotel of the Year 2005 at the annual Caterer & Hotelkeeper Awards; Best UK Hotels – 2nd' and Guardian/Observer Travel Awards 2006 to name but a few.

City Inn focuses on building and operating brand new contemporary styled hotels to highest engineering standards in prime city centre locations. Delivering beyond the customer's expectations is central to the brand's philosophy whether a visitor or local, or enjoying a cultural stay in the city. Initiatives have ranged from "no password" free Wi-Fi broadband in all public areas to "curated" art exhibitions, 24 hour Room Service and Guest Services teams always on hand to help out within a modern, informal but professional environment.

Founded by Sandy Orr, Donald MacDonald and David Orr in 1995, the City Inn brand and company was created completely from scratch providing contemporary luxury with a culture of personalised service and commitment to putting the customer first. Each hotel features the highly acclaimed City Café destination restaurant characterised by the al fresco terraces for the summer, with exceptional Chefs offering modern European dining with panache and flair. The design and modernity of the

buildings reflect the close relationship between architect and client, ensuring that the buildings are great for the cities as well as customers.

City Inn is now recognised as one of the UK's most exciting new hotel groups, with five hotels open – London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Glasgow. The company is continuing to pursue a strategy of developing City Inn in prime UK city centres, with Leeds, and a further site in London. In January 2007 City Inn announced their first international hotel development in Amsterdam.

For more information on City Inn visit the website [www.cityinn.com](http://www.cityinn.com)

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