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**ALDEN-HOUSTON INTRODUCES "THE GRAPE ESCAPE"
WINE & DINE HOTEL PACKAGE**

Downtown Houston's Finest Boutique Hotel Invites Guests to Uncork a Weekend of Fun

Houston – With summer winding down, Alden-Houston is pleased to announce a very special, one time only, "grape escape" weekend package. Taking place August 9-10, 2008, the culinary extravaganza promises to be a spectacular "hang-on-to-summer" getaway for those who appreciate fine wine and food.

"On Saturday afternoon, guests will enjoy a 'class to glass' tales and tasting wine experience with old vs. new world wines, hosted by *17's sommelier Evan Turner, and award-winning Houston sommelier Kim Wallace," said Susan Ward-Freeman, the hotel's general manager. Later that evening, guests will gather on Alden's spectacular veranda for a light reception, followed by a five-course 'farm to table' dinner created by Executive Chef Wes Morton. Each course will be accompanied with wines paired by Turner; dress is summer casual.

After a night of serious food and fun, guests can simply take the elevator "home" to luxurious accommodations and wake up to *17's relaxing Sunday brunch with guest winemakers Rick and Diane DuNah of DuNah Winery. A special Friday night room rate is available upon request for guests who wish to extend their "grape escape" weekend.

The "grape escape" weekend package includes:

- Welcome Amenity
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- "Class to Glass" Wine Experience
- "Farm to Table" Dinner on the Veranda
- Sunday Brunch at the Award-Winning *17
- Overnight Valet Parking

Price:

- \$287 per person, based on double occupancy *
- "Class to Glass" wine seminar and dinner only, \$200 per person *

* excluding tax and gratuity

The five-star Alden-Houston is home to the award-winning restaurant, *17, offering an enticing variety of New American cuisine, paired with an extensive international wine list. The hotel's lounge, a+, provides the perfect end to any day with handcrafted signature cocktails.

Alden-Houston is located just minutes from Houston's Theatre District and provides special pre-theatre menus and transportation to and from theatre events. It is also conveniently located to the George R. Brown Convention Center and sports arenas, including Minute Maid Ballpark, Toyota Center and Reliant Stadium, homes of the Houston Astros, Rockets and Texans.

For more information visit www.aldenhotels.com. For reservations, please email Seville

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As a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, Inc., Alden-Houston is known for its' five-star accommodations, world-class service and exquisite dining. Located in the heart of downtown Houston, Alden-Houston combines classic architecture with cutting-edge, contemporary design. Alden-Houston welcomes you to indulge in the award-winning restaurant, *17, and the stylish lounge, a+. *17's New American Cuisine is certain to please all discerning palates, and the elegant, yet casual atmosphere of a+ invites you to relax and unwind. For more information, visit www.aldenhotels.com.