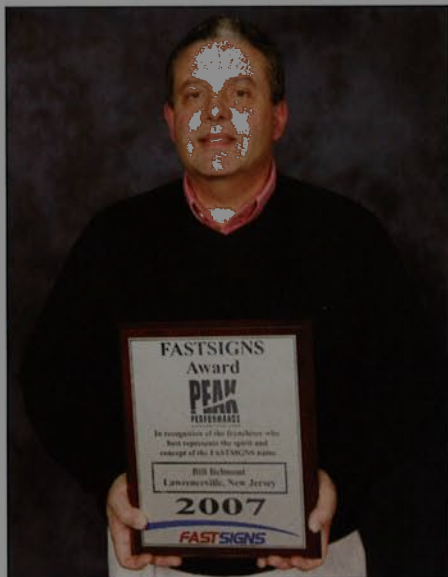


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Awards & Honors

Accor North America was recognized by *ComputerWorld* and *Infrastructure Management World* for its efforts in ensuring the safety of its customers' personal electronic data.

DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen locations in Greater Grand Rapids, Mich. and Colorado Springs, Colo. received regional Contractor of the Year awards from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.



Bill Belmont

FASTSIGNS awarded franchise owner **Bill Belmont** of Lawrenceville, N.J., multiple sales achievement awards, including the FASTSIGNS Award.

FOCUS Brands honored several of its franchise partners for their excellence in terms of service, sales, and growth in 2007. Partners of the year included **Carvel** owner **Chuck Keller** of Boca Raton, Fla.; **Cinnabon** owner **Greg Komen** of Bellevue, Wash.; **Cinnabon** owner **Walid Hajj** of Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and **Schlotsky's** owners **Roy** and **Maureen Thomas** of Midland, Texas.



U.S. Lawns named franchisees **Jeff Dajani** of Ashburn, Va. and **Patsy and Phil Gay** of Tuscaloosa and Birmingham to the company's Franchisee Hall of Fame. From left, U.S. Lawns Vice Pres. **Paul Wolbert**, the Gays, Dajani, and U.S. Lawns Pres. **Ken Hutcheson**.



The **Dwyer Group** was named one of the "Best Companies to Work for in Texas" by *Texas Monthly* magazine. From left, Dwyer Group Pres. **Mike Bidwell**, Human Resources Dir. **Rene Masiongale**, and Chairwoman and CEO **Dina Dwyer-Owens**.

Milestones

HouseMaster celebrated its 25th year of membership with IFA.

Growth

Figaro's Pizza opened its first location in Abu Dhabi.

Wyndham Hotel Group signed an exclusive development agreement with Ukrainian Hotels LLC to build 15 Ramada Encore hotels over the next 10 years.



Sport Clips celebrated the opening of its 500th store with area developer **Ron Chamberlain**, founder and CEO **Gordon Logan**, **Sporty the Sport Clips mascot**, and Pres. **Clete Brewer** on-site at the celebration in San Diego at Mission Valley.

Marketing

Embassy Suites Hotels launched its Business Balance initiative to offer business travelers guidance and tips to help maintain balance on the road related to nutrition, exercise and sleep.

Express Employment Professionals was featured as a "breakthrough company"