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**TRANQUILI-TEA AT THE AFFINIA GARDENS: AFFINIA HOTELS LAUNCH  
CUSTOM AFFINIA BLEND TEA**  
*New York's Largest Hotel Company and Harney & Sons Collaborate*

NEW YORK – Affinia Hotels proudly announces the launch of their new signature “Affinia Blend” tea. Developed in collaboration with Harney & Sons Fine Teas exclusively for Affinia, the blend consists of chamomile, citrus and vanilla to help lull travelers to sleep. The Affinia Blend will debut at the Affinia Gardens.

“We’re always looking for new ways to provide the ultimate in guest comfort,” says Affinia’s Executive Vice President of Operations, Lisa Impagliazzo. “Affinia Hotels and Harney & Son Teas both pride themselves on providing the finest quality to consumers. That made us a perfect fit for one another.”

The Affinia Gardens, with its distinctive tranquility positioning, emphasizes the importance of a quiet and peaceful environment and after undergoing a \$7.7 million renovation in the fall of 2005, offers a variety of calming amenities. The Serenity lounge – a 24 hour quiet zone – includes a complimentary tea bar and features the new Affinia Blend. The hotel also offers Tranquility Kits, a Tranquility Chest of relaxing amenities for guests to borrow while at the hotel, books on relaxation and daily tranquility tips. Tranquility Hour, complimentary to guests, is a wine and cheese reception which occasionally features guest speakers who provide guided meditation and relaxation techniques. Suites are purposely designed with a calming color scheme and feature reclining chairs and the ultra-comfortable custom Affinia Bed.

Affinia Hotels is a brand unlike any other. Affinia is a collection of lifestyle hotels focused on providing guests with total comfort and convenience. All locations are uniquely designed with the business and leisure traveler in mind in prime Manhattan, Chicago and Washington, DC locations. Each Affinia property has a special focus such as fitness, tranquility, or location. The

collection includes the Affinia 50, Affinia Dumont, Affinia Gardens, Affinia Manhattan, Affinia Chicago and soon, a property in Washington, D.C. The Affinia Shelburne will make its debut in fall 2008. Affinia Hotels is operated by DHG (Denihan Hospitality Group), a privately-owned company with more than 40 years of hospitality management expertise. Affinia Hotels is a proud member of a worldwide alliance of hotels including Joie De Vivre in the United States, Thistle Hotels in the United Kingdom, Rotana Hotels in the Middle East and First Hotels in Scandinavia. For more information, visit [www.affinia.com](http://www.affinia.com) or call 1-866-AFFINIA.

Harney & Sons Fine Teas was formed in 1983 with a commitment to providing the finest cup of tea to provide a luxurious and relaxing experience. Featuring more than ten types of tea, Harney & Sons Teas can be found at select gourmet food shops and finer hotels. Customers can find out more by logging onto [www.harney.com](http://www.harney.com) or calling 1-800-TEA-TIME.

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