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## **Baldwin Hardware Introduces Commercial Hardware**

*-A suite of luxury commercial hardware, backed by Baldwin's comprehensive breadth of line and legacy of superior craftsmanship-*

(July 1, 2009) Lake Forest, CA – For over 60 years as the leader of architectural and decorative hardware for the home, Baldwin Hardware has understood that superior architecture and design creates a timeless sense of heritage. Now, Baldwin Hardware is pleased to announce a Grade 1 solution for any commercial application. Even within the most dynamic commercial atmospheres, door hardware plays an integral role in providing security and safe passage in high traffic situations, as well as setting an aesthetic tone for what lies behind closed doors. Baldwin's commercial offering balances both form and function, through design-driven solutions that enhance entrances, while combining Grade 1 mortise locks and decorative trim with through-bolting, to provide stylish and secure looks. Fully pre-assembled, Baldwin still offers an eclectic selection of mix-and-match levers, trims, turn knobs and finish options, in an effort to couple unique styles with ease of ordering and installation. This flexibility creates an answer to a wide array of commercial installations, including hospitality, multi-family, retail, education, healthcare and office spaces.

“At Baldwin, we never move into a category until we know we can bring truly distinct style options along with our continued commitment to quality, a pairing which has become our signature,” said Dave Albert, vice president of Baldwin Hardware. “Our new commercial introductions present architects, designers and specifiers with on-trend, Grade 1 solutions, while providing both contemporary and decorative styles.” Baldwin's commercial hardware is available through hundreds of dealers around the world.

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In commercial environments, high traffic and security are primary considerations when specifying hardware, in addition to its adaptability to the latest security hardware and devices, and compliance with industry standards. Baldwin has established a true high-end ANSI/BHMA Operational & Security Grade 1 rated mortise set designed for heavy duty door openings. Operational tests include cycle tests that establish Baldwin's mortise lock will last over 1,000,000 cycles, while impact and tension testing verify the products meet all Grade 1 security standards.

From Contemporary to Colonial, Baldwin Hardware offers a full portfolio of styles with 11 through-bolted escutcheon trims, 32 levers and 15 decorative roses, as well as varied turn pieces and cylinder collars, making it one of the most comprehensive offerings of high quality hardware available for specification. Baldwin boasts 23 finishes including 3 patent-protected Lifetime finishes, Polished Brass, Satin and Polished Nickel, the latter two being exclusive to Baldwin. Baldwin Lifetime finishes are especially resistant to harsh weather conditions like salt air along coastlines. Baldwin's Grade 1 solution oriented entrance and sectional sets include inside and outside assemblies, 2 levers and 2 through-bolted escutcheons, mortise box and cylinder and cylinder collar (for sectional sets), providing for ease in ordering and installation.

Baldwin Hardware manufactures an extensive family of superior architectural and decorative products for residential and commercial use in a variety of finishes, including its proprietary *Lifetime Finish*<sup>™</sup>. Baldwin Hardware products signify quality and innovation, with offerings that include hardware and locksets and exterior lighting, as well as bath and cabinetry accessories. All portfolios are available in a rich variety of finishes and textures. The Reading, PA based company with more than 60 years of heritage, is part of the Black & Decker Hardware & Home Improvement Group, headquartered in Lake Forest, CA. To learn more about Baldwin Hardware, please visit [www.baldwinhardware.com](http://www.baldwinhardware.com).

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