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**FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP INC. RECOGNIZED IN FORBES AMERICA'S
BEST MIDSIZE EMPLOYERS 2016**

Rosemont, Ill. – April 3, 2016 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company, ranked 28th in FORBES America's Best Midsize Employers 2016 compilation. FHG President & CEO Bob Habeeb made the announcement.

The highest-ranking employers were LL Bean, The Container Store, Novo Nordisk, Esri and Boston College, but other well-known brands and institutions including Yelp, Princeton, Baylor, Clemson and Loyola Universities and renowned hospitals such as Memorial Sloan Kettering and St. Jude's also made the list. FHG was the only hospitality company in the top 50, coming in ahead of other notable industry names such as, The Biltmore Company (#90), Golden Nugget Las Vegas (#109), Holiday Inn (#137), Great Wolf Resorts (#173) and Best Western International (#205).

To compile the America's Best Midsize Employers list, FORBES worked with online statistics provider Statista and asked more than 30,000 U.S. workers in established companies throughout the nation to determine which of them make their employees feel secure, understood, needed and inspired. The result is the list of 250 midsize companies, with 1,000 to 5,000 employees. FHG is the highest-ranking hospitality company on the 2016 list.

"Our associates are our most important asset and we pride ourselves on fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and empowering team members at every level with the tools and support they need to accomplish their professional goals," said Habeeb. "We are so proud of our team and are honored that their opinion of FHG as an employer earned us this prestigious recognition."

Willingness to recommend one's own employer was the most important metric in compiling the FORBES lists. Employees were asked to rate their employers on a zero to 10 scale, with zero meaning "I wouldn't recommend my employer under any circumstances" and 10 meaning "I would definitely recommend my employer." A secondary component to the process involved asking employees to mention good or bad employers in sectors and industries besides their own.

FHG credits its people-centric culture for driving its successful 30-year track record in hotel management and development performance. A central pillar of this culture is the company's innovative annual employee recognition program that bestows unique rewards for performance including a "live free" award that pays for one team member's rent/mortgage for a year, and the "inner circle"

program which takes the top ten performers on an all expense paid international trip. For more information about First Hospitality Group, visit www.fhginc.com.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) is a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company with more than 30 years of award-winning experience. FHG's unique people-driven professional culture fosters a team of highly skilled and motivated hospitality experts who consistently deliver outstanding property level performance, as well as memorable and engaging guest experiences. Headquartered in Chicago, FHG's portfolio features 19 brands and 43 properties throughout the Midwest. For more information, visit, www.fhginc.com.

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