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FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP CELEBRATES RANKING IN FORBES AMERICA'S BEST MIDSIZE EMPLOYERS 2016

*Celebration included live broadcast via videoconference,
remarks from management and video contest*

Rosemont, Ill., September 8, 2016 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) hosted a collective celebration across the company's 46 properties on Monday, August 29 in honor of its recognition in Forbes America's Best Midsize Employers 2016. FHG received a #28 ranking out of the 250 best midsize employers in the country, #1 in the travel category, and #3 amongst all of America's best travel companies. FHG President and CEO Robert Habeeb made the announcement.

As part of the celebration, FHG's Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing Kelly Mascari and Director of Training Travis Bowman hosted a videoconference throughout the day, which was broadcast live from FHG properties in Omaha, Des Moines, Chicago, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Warrenville and the corporate office in Rosemont, allowing the company's employees to celebrate together at each individual hotel.

In addition to the live broadcast, Habeeb and FHG Chairman Stephen Schwartz addressed the company's employees to congratulate and thank them for helping FHG achieve this national honorable rating. A video contest, which asked associates to share stories of how FHG has inspired them, received over 40 submissions. The first place prize was an Amazon Echo, which was won by Chicago South Loop Hotel's Front Office and Marketing Manager Tom Schabow.

"Our team members are the backbone to our success and this honorable recognition is a result of their hard work and dedication," said Habeeb. "This celebration was the perfect way for our team members to come together across the Midwest to celebrate their success as a team, and for our leadership to have the opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their contributions in ensuring that we are continually recognized as an award-winning management team."

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.

Willingness to recommend one's own employer was the most important metric in compiling the Forbes list. 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 Drive Free" award that offers an employee the option of free rent/mortgage for a year or a car, 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.

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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 46 properties throughout the Midwest. For more information, visit, www.fhginc.com.