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**FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC., TO MANAGE DUAL-BRANDED HOTEL IN THE  
ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT**

*Property to open as Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton*

**Rosemont, Ill.**, September 28, 2016 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) announced it will manage a new dual-branded hotel set to open in a mixed-use development located in the Illinois Medical District, just two miles west of the Chicago Loop. The hotel, made application to be a Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites, both by Hilton, will celebrate a groundbreaking this fall and is slated to open by early 2018. FHG President and CEO Robert Habeeb made the announcement.

The dual branded hotel, which will be FHG's third new development in Chicago, will offer a combined total of 240 rooms and will share amenities including a pool, fitness center, third-floor lobby, business center and meeting spaces. Other components of the mixed-use development will include: office space, ground floor retail, residential space and a plaza fronting the hotel portion. Chicago-based Gateway Partners is developing the property, which will be located in the center of its innovative 10-acre mixed-used town center development, THE GATEWAY.

“On the heels of the exciting news that we will be developing and managing the new hotel on Chicago’s Navy Pier, we are thrilled to announce the development of another impactful local property, the Hampton Inn by Hilton and Homewood Suites by Hilton in the Illinois Medical District,” said Habeeb. “This hotel will complement the mix of uses around the property and the dual brand component is a strategic opportunity to accommodate varying visitor needs under one roof.”

The hotel, which will be located inside the square block of Ogden Avenue, South Damen Avenue, West Harrison Street and West Polk Street, will be within walking distance of the University of Illinois at Chicago, the John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Rush University Medical Center and local shops and restaurants.

Hilton Worldwide is one of the largest and fastest growing hospitality companies in the world, with more than 4,660 hotels, resorts and timeshare properties comprising more than 765,000 rooms in 102 countries and territories.

In the nearly 100 years since its founding, they have defined the hospitality industry and established a portfolio of 13 world-class brands, including their flagship Hilton Hotels & Resorts brand, which is the most recognized hotel brand in the world. Its premier brand portfolio also includes Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Canopy by Hilton, Curio - A Collection by Hilton, DoubleTree by Hilton, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton by Hilton, Tru by Hilton, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Home2 Suites by Hilton and Hilton Grand Vacations.

***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](http://www.fhginc.com).***

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