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### **FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.'S HILTON GARDEN INN LOUISVILLE DOWNTOWN HOTEL LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Rosemont, Ill.** - March 27, 2017 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company, announced today that two employees at its Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown Hotel, were recognized at FHG's annual conference and awards dinner. President and CEO Bob Habeeb made the announcement.

Samantha Humbert, director of sales, received the Presidents award and Sales Director of the Year award for the tremendous year-over-year revenue growth and above average market share. John Fields, the hotel's general manager, was recognized as a recipient of FHG's Inner Circle Award, which is rewarded to the top performers across the company's 42 hotel portfolio and corporate headquarters who will enjoy an expense-free international trip. Fields also received the Budget Beater's award and was first place in the RevPar 2016 award within the entire Louisville Market. In addition, FHG recognized more than 180 other top performers across 38 additional award categories.

"We take pride in all of our employees across our hotels, and it's important for us to recognize and reward the hard work they do," said Habeeb. "The Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown hotel has been an award-winning hotel in our portfolio, in large part to the great leadership team we have in place. Samantha and John have continuously proven their ability to provide a positive experience for our guests and have created a team with exceptional guest services resulting in excellent performance."

"We know that guests have a choice between a number of hotels when coming to stay in Louisville, so it is important that we provide them with an exceptional experience from check-in to check-out when they stay with us," said Fields. "Because I've fostered a hands-on leadership approach, positive attitude, vision for success and open door policy with my team, they are top notch in every aspect of guest service. The saying is true—take care of your employees and they will take care of your guests."

Located in the heart of downtown Louisville, the Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown hotel is the only downtown venue with an outdoor + indoor rooftop restaurant and bar, 8UP. Within walking distance to over 50 Louisville restaurants, the hotel is just steps away from the dining and entertainment on 4th Street Live!, Mercury Ballroom, Louisville Palace and the Kentucky International Convention Center.

For more information on the hotel, or to book a stay, visit <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/hilton-garden-inn-louisville-downtown-SDFLDGI/index.html>. The hotel is offering a VIP package for the upcoming Kentucky Derby May 4-7: <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/hilton-garden-inn-louisville-downtown->

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