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### FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. PROMOTES PAUL ESKENAZI TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

**ROSEMONT, Ill.,** Dec. 22, 2016 — Rosemont, Ill.-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) announced today that it has promoted Paul Eskenazi from Vice President of Design and Development to Senior Vice President of Development. First Hospitality Group, Inc. President and CEO Robert Habeeb made the announcement.

Eskenazi joined First Hospitality Group, Inc. as Vice President of Design and Development in March of this year with over 25 years in hospitality development. Previously, Eskenazi was the owner and president of PBE Architecture, Inc. for 13 years. Prior to that role, Eskenazi was the Senior Vice President of Construction for Arlington Hospitality Inc.

“Paul is an absolute ‘A-player’ with a can-do attitude and an ability to move construction projects from dreams to reality,” said Habeeb. “His extensive experience as a licensed architect and contractor, coupled with his strong leadership skills and ability to drive projects and development opportunities forward for continued company growth is sure to make him a great addition to our team as we prepare for a very busy development pipeline.”

As Senior Vice President of Development, Paul will oversee and provide support for the entire FHG development team currently in place, and look to further develop the team in the future.

“I am honored by this promotion and the ability to continue to guide and grow our hospitality interests and management services,” said Eskenazi. “With my years of work in hospitality development, I possess the competency to drive projects and direct development opportunities available for continued company growth. The goals I have set in place allow me to utilize my strong leadership skills in order to teach, support and equip the great team we have to help shape the future of the company.”

Eskenazi earned a Masters in Architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and is a licensed architect and general contractor.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) was recognized 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. For more information about FHG, visit [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.com).

#### **About First Hospitality Group**

***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. Recognized 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. For more information, visit, [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.com).***

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