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FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. ANNOUNCES OPENING DATE FOR ITS HAMPTON INN & SUITES CHICAGO BRIDGEVIEW HOTEL AT SEATGEEK STADIUM

Company appoints general manager to oversee hotel at premier entertainment venue

CHICAGO, March 27, 2019 – Chicago-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) announced today that its FHG-owned and managed Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Bridgeview hotel, located in Bridgeview, Illinois, is slated for completion in May 2019. FHG Chairman and CEO Steven Schwartz made the announcement.

“First Hospitality Group prides itself on providing a turn-key approach to hospitality development, and the Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Bridgeview hotel will be a strong reflection of that proven approach,” said Schwartz. “Over the past year, we have experienced a strong opening pipeline, and as we jump start 2019, we are eager to open this exciting property and sharing it with the community and visitors alike.”

Located on the grounds of SeatGeek Stadium (previously Toyota Park)—home to the Chicago Fire Major League Soccer Team, as well as live programming events, including premier concerts, music festivals and international sporting events—the four-story Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Bridgeview hotel will include 109 guest rooms. In addition, it will feature a fitness room, indoor pool and 483 square feet of meeting space, as well as an open, two-story breakfast atrium.

Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek also added “We are excited to partner with First Hospitality Group and absolutely see the hotel being a staple in our community and encouraging travelers to stay in the Village of Bridgeview.”

First Hospitality Group has hired Paul Cantrelle to serve as the hotel’s general manager upon opening. Cantrelle previously served as the opening hotel general manager for the company’s Hiltons at McCormick Place.

“Paul is a proven leader within FHG,” said Duncan. “His passionate management skills and involvement with the community, combined with the prime location and diversity of Bridgeview are sure to lead to a successful future ahead at this new property.”

As general manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Bridgeview, Cantrelle will be responsible for the organization and coordination of several key hotel functions, including the

hiring, development and mentoring of management and staff. Cantrelle will also play a critical role in community integration with the hotel.

“As an experienced professional in opening new properties, I am eager to join the Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Bridgeview team,” said Cantrelle. “I am eager to look to the talented members of the Bridgeview community as we begin hiring, and forging relationships with residents and guests alike.”

Situated at the corner of Harlem and 71st Street, the hotel is conveniently located near I-294 and I-55, just miles from the Chicago Midway International Airport and a number of restaurant and retail options. It will also offer close proximity to downtown Chicago.

For more information, please visit 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 14 worldwide brands and 6 independent brands, totaling 35 properties throughout the Midwest. Having been recognized in 2016 as #1 in Travel in Forbes America's Best Midsize Employers 2016, #28 overall, and #3 amongst all of America's best travel companies, FHG moved up to a #19 ranking out of the 250 best midsize employers in the country in 2017 and #1 in the Travel category for the second year in a row. FHG is one of only 25 companies to ever place on the Forbes list two consecutive years. For more information regarding upcoming projects and news, please visit www.fhginc.com or follow them on Facebook at @FHGinc and Twitter at @FHGroup_Inc.

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