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### **FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP TO CELEBRATE RANKING IN FORBES AMERICA'S BEST MIDSIZE EMPLOYERS 2016**

*Hotel Management Company honored as #1 in travel category*

**Rosemont, Ill.**, August 22, 2016 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) announced today that it will host a collective celebration 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, the entire company will take part by celebrating at each of its individual hotels, and the FHG corporate office. The event will be broadcasted live via videoconference, so the entire FHG team can celebrate together across all regions. A video contest, featuring a secret first place prize will also be held to collect stories from associates who have been inspired by FHG.

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.

"Our associates are our most important asset and we pride ourselves on fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and empowering team members at every level with the tools and support they need to accomplish their professional goals." said Habeeb. "It is because of our outstanding team that we are able to consistently surpass expectations, so we wanted to do something to sincerely thank each employee for playing a part in this honorable achievement."

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