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**Hilton Opens First Tri-Branded Hotel at Chicago's McCormick Place**

*Partners with First Hospitality Group to bring Combined Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn by Hilton and Home2 Suites by Hilton to Chicagoland area*

**CHICAGO and MCLEAN, VA – August 7, 2018** – [Hilton](#) (NYSE: HLT), along with First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), today announced the opening of its newest hotel, the company's first tri-branded property, which includes [Hilton Garden Inn Chicago McCormick Place](#), [Hampton Inn by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place](#) and [Home2 Suites by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place](#). Connected to McCormick Place, North America's largest convention center, and adjacent to Wintrust Arena, the property is a one-of-kind addition to downtown Chicago's South Loop and Motor Row District lodging offerings. The hotel also represents Hilton's first tri-branded property, furthering the company's leadership position in the development of multi-brand hotels. Hilton currently has a footprint of more than 85 open, multi-brand properties, with an even larger pipeline of multi-brand projects in development around the globe.

"Hilton is passionate about delivering exceptional travel experiences and continually looking for opportunities to add value for our guests," said Bill Duncan, Global Head, All Suites and Focused Service Category, Hilton. "This milestone tri-brand property embodies that spirit. Bringing together these three category-leading brands and their signature, yet distinct, offerings under one roof provides travelers with a wealth of shared

amenities, and the opportunity to enjoy the warmth and hospitality of Hilton through an innovative lodging option that fits a variety of travel needs and desired price points.”

Managed by FHG, the 23-story tri-branded hotel boasts 184 Hilton Garden Inn rooms, 187 Hampton Inn rooms and 95 suites within the Home2 Suites, as well as a skybridge providing guests with convenient access to McCormick Place. Along with each brand's signature offerings aimed at ensuring comfort, convenience and productivity for their respective guests, the hotel also provides larger and enhanced communal areas and amenities than what would be standard at a standalone property. These include an expanded exercise room, indoor pool, 24-hour business center and 10 flexible event/meeting spaces totaling nearly 7,000 square feet, as well as a wealth of added food & beverage offerings.

In addition to the signature, complimentary breakfast offerings for guests of Hampton Inn and Home2 Suites, as well as the fresh cooked-to-order breakfasts by Hilton Garden Inn, the property has the following dining options that are open to all Windy City visitors and locals alike, including:

- **VU Skyward Bev & Eat:** A rooftop dining and lounge experience operated by Concentrics Restaurants, scheduled to open this Fall, will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner with locally-inspired small plates and craft cocktails amidst sweeping views of Lake Michigan and Downtown Chicago.
- **Fatpour Tapworks:** A street-level pub and grill operated by Big Onion Tavern Group, also scheduled to open in the Fall, will feature an eclectic selection of menu items including more than 220 beers, all available in 22-ounce pours.
- **Starbucks** coffee shop, which is now open, can be easily accessed by guests and locals from Cermak Road.

“We are thrilled to bring three powerhouse hotel brands, as well as inventive new dining concepts to the continuously-evolving landscape of McCormick Place and the Motor Row District,” said First Hospitality Group, Inc. Founder and Chairman, Stephen Schwartz. “This tri-brand hotel will serve as a convenient ‘one-stop-shop’ for convention-goers looking to rest and recharge or enjoy the local flavors of Chicago while remaining just steps from their convention events. It is also a great option for guests traveling with

larger groups or extended families, as everyone can stay under one roof despite having varied preferences on room-type and price-point.”

Whether visiting Chicago for business or leisure, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn by Hilton and Home2 Suites by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place is the perfect location for exploring all the city has to offer. Downtown Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History and Shedd Aquarium are all just minutes away. Popular attractions such as Millennium Park, the Michigan Avenue shopping district and Navy Pier are also easily accessible via the Green Line ‘L’ stop, which is only a two-block walk from the hotel.

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago McCormick Place offers complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and inviting food and beverage options, including cooked-to-order breakfast. Each guestroom boasts the brand's signature bedding with fresh, white duvets and crisp linens, an in-room "hospitality center" with a mini fridge, microwave oven, and fresh coffee from an in-room Keurig® coffeemaker.

At Hampton Inn by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place, every guest will enjoy the brand's signature free, hot breakfast with healthy options; On the Run™ breakfast bags; and free Wi-Fi in every room. Hampton continues to lead the pack in terms of guest experience, with each Hampton hotel offering complete satisfaction with the 100% Hampton Guarantee®.

Home2 Suites by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place offers all-suite accommodations featuring fully-equipped kitchens and modular furniture, providing guests with modern suites with plenty of space to work and relax. The in-suite kitchen includes a sink, dishwasher, full-size refrigerator and freezer, microwave, cookware, plates, cups, and utensils to customize their suite to their style and preference. The hotel also features complimentary Internet, inviting communal spaces, and trademark Home2 Suites by Hilton amenities such as a Home2 MKT for grab-and-go items, and the Inspired Table, a complimentary breakfast that includes more than 400 potential combinations.

Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn by Hilton and Home2 Suites by Hilton Chicago McCormick Place are all part of Hilton Honors®, the award-winning guest-loyalty program for Hilton's 14 distinct hotel brands. Hilton Honors members who book directly

through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits, including a flexible payment slider that allows members to choose nearly any combination of Points and money to book a stay, an exclusive member discount that can't be found anywhere else and free standard Wi-Fi. Members also enjoy popular digital books available exclusively through the industry-leading Hilton Honors mobile app, where Hilton Honors members can check-in, choose their room and access their room using a Digital Key. For more information or to make a reservation, visit [hiltonsatmccormickplace.com](http://hiltonsatmccormickplace.com) or call +1-312-791-1121.

Construction of the tri-branded hotel was led by McHugh/UJAMAA LLC, a joint venture between James McHugh Construction Co. and minority-owned contractor UJAMAA Construction Inc., and Merritt Development Group. Antunovich Associates served as the building architect, Todd Halamka + Partners as the hotel architect, and Looney Associates as the interior designer.

Read more about Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton by Hilton and Home2 Suites by Hilton at [Hilton.com](http://Hilton.com) or the [Hilton Newsroom](#).

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#### **About Hilton Garden Inn**

The award-winning [Hilton Garden Inn](#) brand provides business and leisure guests upscale, yet affordable accommodations and modern amenities for a comfortable stay. The Hilton Garden Inn Promise affirms the brand's goal to make each Guest's stay better and brighter. Guaranteed. Team Members at nearly 790 hotels in 38 countries around the world ensure today's busy travelers have a bright and satisfying experience, starting with the first hello. As a recognized F&B leader, Hilton Garden Inn serves locally sourced food and beverage at its full-service restaurants and bars, featuring everything from cooked-to-order breakfast, handcrafted cocktails, and on-trend small plates. [Hilton Honors](#) members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits. For more information about Hilton Garden Inn, visit [www.hgi.com](http://www.hgi.com) or [newsroom.hilton.com/hgi](http://newsroom.hilton.com/hgi), and connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

#### **About Hampton by Hilton**

As the number one ranked lodging franchise for the past nine years, according to Entrepreneur®, [Hampton by Hilton](#), including Hampton Inn by Hilton and Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, serves value-conscious and quality-driven travelers at more than 2,380 properties and more than 243,000 rooms in 22 countries and territories. High-quality accommodations and amenities, such as complimentary Wi-Fi, free hot breakfast, and On The Run™ breakfast bags, contribute to Hampton by Hilton ranking as a leader in its segment. Hampton by Hilton Team Members deliver friendly, authentic, caring and thoughtful service defined as Hamptonality. Each Hampton by Hilton hotel offers complete satisfaction with the 100% Hampton Guarantee®. [Hilton Honors](#) members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits.

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### **About Home2 Suites by Hilton**

[Home2 Suites by Hilton](#), one of the fastest-growing brands in the history of Hilton, is a mid-tier, all-suite, award-winning extended-stay hotel concept designed to offer stylish accommodations with flexible guest room configurations and inspired amenities for the cost-conscious guest. With a commitment to environmentally friendly products and hotel operations, Home2 Suites offers complimentary breakfast selections with hundreds of combinations; innovative and customizable guest room designs; laundry and fitness areas; complimentary Wi-Fi internet access; multiple outdoor spaces; 24-hour business centers; expansive community spaces; and pet-friendly environments. Home2 Suites by Hilton has more than 235 hotels, and more than 415 in the pipeline. Hilton Honors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits, including a flexible payment slider that allows members to choose nearly any combination of Points and money to book a stay, an exclusive member discount that can't be found anywhere else, free standard Wi-Fi, and digital amenities like digital check-in with room selection and Digital Key (select locations), available exclusively through the industry-leading [Hilton Honors mobile app](#). Visit [www.home2suites.com](http://www.home2suites.com) or [newsroom.hilton.com/home2suites](http://newsroom.hilton.com/home2suites) for additional information, or [www.home2franchise.com](http://www.home2franchise.com) for franchising opportunities.

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Hilton (NYSE: HLT) is a leading global hospitality company, with a portfolio of 14 world-class brands comprising more than 5,400 properties with nearly 880,000 rooms, in 106 countries and territories. Hilton is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to be the world's most hospitable company by delivering exceptional experiences – every hotel, every guest, every time. The company's portfolio includes Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Canopy by Hilton, Curio Collection by Hilton, DoubleTree by Hilton, Tapestry Collection 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. The company also manages an award-winning customer loyalty program, Hilton Honors. Hilton Honors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to instant benefits, including a flexible payment slider that allows members to choose exactly how many Points to combine with money, an exclusive member discount that can't be found anywhere else, and free standard Wi-Fi. Visit [newsroom.hilton.com](http://newsroom.hilton.com) for more information, and connect with Hilton on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **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. 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 about FHG, visit [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.com) or follow them on Facebook at @FHGinc and Twitter at @FHGroup\_Inc.