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SHANER HOTEL GROUP NAMED 2015 RECIPIENT OF MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL'S PRESTIGIOUS "PARTNERSHIP CIRCLE AWARD"; INDUCTED INTO AWARD PROGRAM'S HALL OF FAME

Marriott International Franchisee Recognized With Company's Highest Honor For Long-Term Commitment to Culture, Product Growth and Service Excellence

STATE COLLEGE, PA, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – Shaner Hotel Group, one of the hospitality industry's leading owner-operators of full- and select-service hotels, was recognized with Marriott International's "*Partnership Circle Award*," the highest honor awarded by Marriott to its owners and franchise partners for hospitality excellence. The company was also inducted into the award program's Hall of Fame along with past and this year's award recipients. Shaner Hotel Group executives accepted the award at Marriott International's recently concluded National Association Conference in Miami Beach.

Marriott's "*Partnership Circle Award*" recognizes leading full- and select-service owners and franchisees who have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence across a number of areas including advancing Marriott's culture of providing superior guest services, product growth, engagement, RevPAR growth and overall product integrity. The 2015 "*Partnership Circle Award*" is the latest in a number of hospitality service awards bestowed on Shaner Hotel Group, which was also recognized with Marriott's 2014 "*Service Excellence Award*" for achieving top percentile scoring in guest satisfaction measurement.

According to Shaner Hotel Group Chairman and CEO, Lance T. Shaner, the "*Partnership Circle Award*" and Hall of Fame honor "reflects our 'guest-first' philosophy of conducting business over more than 30 years in the hospitality industry. We've built an organization around our hotel associates who deliver an exceptional guest experience every single day, and we wouldn't be receiving these honors without their significant contributions," he said.

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Plato Ghinos, President of Shaner Hotel Group, said the company is delighted to be recognized by Marriott International for its ongoing commitment to Marriott’s performance standards and “Spirit to Serve” philosophy in the communities in which it operates.

“We’re very proud to be honored by Marriott International and included in such a distinguished circle of owners and franchise companies, and to have the added distinction of becoming a member of the award program’s Hall of Fame. Our relationship with Marriott over the years has been an exceptional and highly successful journey and we’re so pleased to share these honors with all our fellow hotel associates across the country that have made it all possible,” he added.

About Shaner Hotel Group

Shaner Hotel Group is one of the foremost owner-operator companies in the hospitality industry with more than 50 hotel properties owned and managed across the U.S., Italy and the Bahamas. New properties are constantly evaluated as the Shaner Hotel Group continues a conservative, yet opportunistic approach to growth. Shaner is an approved management company and franchisee of Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Hotels Corporation, Intercontinental Hotels Group and Choice Hotels. For more information about the company and its divisions visit www.shanercorp.com.

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