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## **Shaner Hotels' Plato Ghinos joins American Hotel & Lodging Association's Board of Directors**

**STATE COLLEGE, PA [Jan. 21, 2026]** — Shaner Hotels today announced that Plato Ghinos, President, has been appointed to the American Hotel & Lodging Association's (AHLA) Board of Directors. AHLA is the largest hotel association in America.

"I am honored to be named to the AHLA Board of Directors and look forward to serving alongside such a talented and well-respected group of lodging industry leaders focused on advocating for a united, vibrant hotel sector," said Plato.

The AHLA Board of Directors represents leaders from all sectors of the lodging industry, including brands, owners, real estate investment trusts, management companies, independent hotels, and state associations. AHLA serves, supports, and advocates on behalf of the American hospitality industry in order to build a vibrant and united hospitality industry that powers America's economy.

"I am thrilled to welcome Plato to the AHLA Board," said Rosanna Maietta, AHLA's President and CEO. "We are grateful to members such as Plato who volunteer their time and energy to ensure that AHLA and our industry are poised to succeed. As we look ahead into 2026 and beyond, I'm incredibly proud of the diversity and depth of experience our Board members bring to the table at such an important time for hotels. Our collective voice as an industry is stronger than ever in Washington, D.C., and in city halls and state capitals across the country. Plato's leadership and experience will serve our industry well."

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### **About the American Hotel & Lodging Association**

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) is the largest hotel association in America, representing more than 30,000 members from all segments of the industry nationwide – including iconic global brands, 80% of all franchised hotels, and the 16 largest hotel companies in the U.S.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., AHLA focuses on strategic advocacy, communications support, and workforce development programs to move the industry forward. Learn more at [www.ahla.com](http://www.ahla.com).