

Area Hotel Recognized for AAA Four Diamond Distinction

First Hospitality Group's Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel Joins A Distinguished Group

TOLEDO, OH (October 11, 2018) – Toledo's Renaissance Downtown Hotel welcomes AAA and City of Toledo officials to celebrate their Four Diamond award with a presentation ceremony.

"It's a testament to the growth of Toledo that we have a Four Diamond hotel establishment that provides a wonderful sense of comfort for travelers," said Edgar Avila, Executive Vice President for AAA in Northwest Ohio. "Four Diamond lodgings represent the best the hospitality industry has to offer with a wide range of amenities and AAA applauds them for this outstanding achievement."

A total of 1,676 hotels throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean received the Four Diamond Rating in the past 12 months, qualifying them for the 2018 Four Diamond Award list. Four Diamond hotels account for 6.1 percent of the more than 27,000 AAA Inspected & Approved and Diamond Rated hotels.

"We are proud of our hotel and the outstanding service that is provided by our associates for each and every stay," said Stephen Schwartz, chairman and CEO of First Hospitality Group. "The recognition by AAA of Four Diamond status belongs to all of our team members and is one that we consistently strive to maintain. Congratulations to the Renaissance for achieving this honor. We look forward to providing the City of Toledo and all its visitors and guests the warm welcome and fine hospitality that FHG is known for. Thank you. "

The Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel has been elegantly restored with a \$31 million renovation that ushered in a new era for the hotel with a nod to Toledo's history and mark as the Glass City. With 241 rooms, the hotel includes two on-site restaurants: Brim House, a first floor restaurant with classic American cuisine and an open kitchen, and The Heights, a rooftop bar offering sweeping views of the Maumee River. First Hospitality Group owns and manages the hotel.

"It is an honor to have the Four Diamond Distinction from AAA," said Jeff Hassan, General Manager, Renaissance Toledo Downtown. "It provides a level of comfort to our guests and is a welcomed recognition to our team that works hard every single day to deliver outstanding guest experiences."

According to the AAA hotel inspector's evaluation, "The hotel features Toledo-focused design elements, chic public spaces and a rooftop cocktail bar. The inspector also described room amenities featuring contemporary, custom furniture and plush bedding.

For 2018, 126 hotels were added to the AAA Four Diamond Award list.

ABOUT AAA DIAMOND RATINGS

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