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FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. HIRES DAVID DUNCAN AS PRESIDENT

ROSEMONT, III., May 31, 2018 — Rosemont, III.-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) announced today that it has hired David Duncan as President. First Hospitality Group, Inc. Chairman Stephen Schwartz made the announcement.

Duncan joins First Hospitality Group, Inc. with over 25 years of global operating experience managing high performing teams as a president, CFO and managing director in both public and private organizations across the globe. Previously, Duncan served as an CFO of coastal resort and golf properties in southern California at JC Resorts in La Jolla, CA. Prior to that he was President of Denihan Hospitality Group, a private real estate owner and hotel operator, which he expanded from 6 hotels in New York City into a nationally recognized hotel operator with 14 hotels operating throughout the U.S. He has managed teams from three to over 3,000 people nationwide and has been involved in more than \$10B of real estate and capital market transactions.

"David's forward-thinking nature, proven leadership skills and vast experience in the hospitality industry make him a great fit to lead our company and take First Hospitality Group to the next level," said Schwartz. "As we continue to develop and operate high quality hotels, David will be instrumental in ensuring First Hospitality Group's superior results throughout our portfolio. Now more than ever, we know that the best is yet to come for First Hospitality Group."

As President, David will primarily focus on developing and expanding First Hospitality Group's portfolio.

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 <u>www.fhginc.com</u> or follow them on Facebook at @FHGinc and Twitter at @FHGroup_Inc.

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