

# THIRTY UNDER 30

OUTSTANDING LEADERS IN  
THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

## The hotel industry's youngest crop of talent pushes the business forward

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**L**ike any industry, new, fresh faces need to be constantly added in order to perpetuate and evolve the business. This is particularly relevant in the hotel industry, where changing customer expectations sometimes demand a different sort of persona—one with a different perspective than more seasoned hoteliers and executives. Hotel Management set out to find individuals who are pushing the envelope in the hotel industry and combining smarts and energy. Our list of 30 names is as impressive as it is diverse. Two hail from Moscow, where room rates are some of the highest in the world. Stateside, the list covers the West, East and all parts in between. A total of seven general managers made the list—an impressive position to achieve at such an early age. Job functions ran the gamut, from directors of sales and vice presidents, to development directors and marketing managers. Hotel Management applauds these young professionals who are moving our business forward.

### JASON ABDULLAH

**Age:** 28

**Title:** Manager of Sales Operations for New York and New Jersey

**Company:** Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide

**Location:** New York

### WESLEY BLOOMFIELD

**Age:** 27

**Title:** Senior Marketing Manager

**Company:** Charlestowne Hotels

**Location:** Charleston, S.C.

### RACHEL ANTOSH

**Age:** 29

**Title:** Director of Sales

**Company:** Island Hospitality

**Hotel:** Residence Inn Silicon Valley I & II; Residence Inn Mountain View, Palo Alto, Calif.

**Location:** Sunnyvale, Calif.

**HM:** What made you choose hospitality as a career?

**Antosh:** I like that I help my associates by keeping everyone working. If I don't deliver, we don't have guests to take care of. I'm glad to shoulder that responsibility.

