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South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association Awards Lodging Manager of the Year to French Quarter Inn General Manager

Brent Gresham of Charlestowne Hotels' receives distinguished hospitality honor

Charleston, S.C. (February 17, 2015) – Charlestowne Hotels is excited to announce that **Brent Gresham, general manager** of the award-winning French Quarter Inn, has been awarded the distinction of Lodging Manager of the Year by the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association. The Lodging Manager of the Year award goes to recipients in the state of South Carolina who have shown exemplary service in the hospitality industry to their customers, their community and to their company.

"Brent exemplifies the level of professionalism and service that we value in our hospitality team" said **Michael Tall, president & chief operating officer** of Charlestowne Hotels. "We are extremely proud of him and what he has achieved at the French Quarter Inn and The Spectator Hotel."

General manager of the French Quarter Inn and soon-to-open sister property, The Spectator Hotel, Gresham has proven excellence in all areas of hospitality and service. As a driving force behind the French Quarter Inn's remarkable success, the destination has received multiple recognitions by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure*, as well as astounding year-over-year financial performance under Gresham's leadership. He has been instrumental in the progress of The Spectator Hotel development and will continue to be heavily involved through the property's grand opening.

A South Carolina native, Gresham graduated among the top of his class from the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at the University of South Carolina and is a graduate of the internationally recognized Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne in Switzerland.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from an organization that I so greatly admire," said Gresham. "I feel confident that the opening of The Spectator Hotel will continue to allow me the opportunity to work with a wonderful team who showcases true hospitality on a daily basis. We are excited to introduce the property to the Charleston market."

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About Charlestowne Hotels

Charlestowne Hotels is a full-service hospitality management company offering innovative, yet proven, expertise in hotel management. Founded in 1980 by CEO Everett L. Smith, Jr., Charlestowne Hotels has become one of the top ranked management companies in the US. Charlestowne's proficiency in managing a diverse portfolio of properties, including AAA Four Diamond hotels, luxury boutique inns, resorts, condo hotels and branded properties, has led to numerous industry accolades including Condè Nast Magazine "Gold List" and "Readers' Choice Award," Top 100 Hotels in the US" by Travel + Leisure, TripAdvisor's #1 and #2 Luxury Hotel in the US, Smith Travel Research's "Best Performing Hotel in the US," as well as other national media and travel industry honors. In addition, hotels managed by the company have outperformed the national average revenue per available room (RevPAR) growth by 30% or more since 2009.

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