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Widewaters Hotels honored by Hilton as full service Developer of the Year

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Widewaters Hotels, an award-winning, innovative hospitality management leader, was named “Developer of the Year” in the full service category of Hilton’s 2018 Legacy Awards.

The award was announced in September at the Hilton Americas Owner Conference in Orlando. The Legacy Awards recognize the passion, creativity and innovative spirit of Hilton’s partners who are committed to quality projects that meet or exceed brand standards and have a positive impact on communities around the world. The leadership of Hilton’s development and brand teams select the winners based on strict criteria including, but not limited to, hotel quality and commitment to guest experience. Hilton previously named Widewaters a 2012 North American multi-brand Developer of the Year.

“It’s a great honor, once again to receive this prestigious award,” said William Holstein, senior vice president of Widewaters Group. “We are passionate about creating the ultimate guest experience, providing rewarding opportunities for our associates and delivering exceptional returns for our owners and partners. Partnering with Hilton has, and continues to be a mutually beneficial relationship and we are happy they see us as a great representation of their brand.”

Widewaters Hotels, headquartered in Syracuse, New York, is part of a broad real estate organization with over 35 years of development, construction, management and investment experience. The company has over 12.9 million square feet of retail, office, hospitality, residential and medial projects totaling nearly \$2 billion in value. Widewaters has earned a reputation as an innovative leader in hospitality management and the partner of choice for both leading hotel brands and independent properties across North America. Widewaters currently manages hotels across the United States and Canada with a total annual revenue of over \$240 million.

Within the past year Widewaters has opened two Curio Collection by Hilton hotels – The Porter Portland in Oregon and The Charter Seattle in Washington. The Curio Collection by Hilton is an upscale, global portfolio of nearly 80 one-of-a-kind hotels and resorts. Curio Collection properties provide travelers authentic, curated experiences through distinctly local offerings and unexpected amenities, while providing the benefits of Hilton and its award-winning guest loyalty program Hilton Honors.

The Porter Portland opened in April 2018 as Hilton’s 50th Curio Collection property. With distinct social spaces and unique design inspired by its waterside location, The Porter serves as a haven amidst the bustle of downtown Portland in the city’s thriving Fountain District. The hotel rises 16 stories and is home to 297 guest rooms, an expansive library, a heated indoor pool with a Jacuzzi, as well as a sauna room, steam room, meditation spa, locker rooms and a 24-hour fitness center. The Porter features four dining options with seasonal cuisine inspired by the fresh and local ingredients of Oregon, and more than 10,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space for meetings and events.

The Charter Hotel Seattle opened in August 2019 and draws from the city’s unique landscape, culture and heritage, providing an upscale destination for visitors and locals along the Puget Sound. The Charter Hotel Seattle offers an Argentine-inspired restaurant as well as locally

inspired small bites, craft cocktails and a bustling atmosphere atop the hotel at its indoor-outdoor rooftop bar. The Charter Hotel Seattle features downtown maps with curated itineraries to help guests explore and orient their adventures, as they seek local experiences and tailored activities that fuel their curiosity. The hotel rises 16 floors, boasts a glass-adorned modern exterior and well-appointed interiors with natural Northwest touches and views of Elliott Bay throughout. The Charter Hotel Seattle has 229 chic guest rooms including 13 spacious one-bedroom suites. Guests can enjoy The Charter Hotel Seattle's gym and wellness center complete with a sauna, steam room and cold rain shower. Groups have access to more than 6,000 square feet of private meetings and events space at the downtown Seattle hotel. During its one-year anniversary celebration, The Charter Hotel Seattle launched a partnership with the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center to support the organization's efforts in cancer research, treatment and prevention.

About The Widewaters Group: The Widewaters Group engages in the acquisition, development and management of retail, hospitality and office properties across North America. Founded in 1982, Widewaters has developed or acquired over 12.9 million square feet of retail, office, hospitality, residential and medical projects totaling nearly \$2 billion in value. Widewaters develops and manages its properties through its operating and management companies – The Widewaters Group Inc. and Widewaters Hotels LLC. Construction is performed through its affiliate – Widewaters Construction Inc. Widewaters currently manages hotels across the United States and Canada with a total annual revenue of over \$240 million. For more information, visit www.widewaters.com.

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