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Hilton Recognizes Lifetime Achievement and Top Franchise Owners in U.S. and Canada

2016 Development Award winners honored at NYU International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference

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MCLEAN, Va. - [Hilton](http://www.hiltonworldwide.com/) (NYSE: HLT)

today announced the winners of its 2016 Development Awards, recognizing owners from the United States (U.S.) and Canada across six categories, including Lifetime Achievement, Multi-Brand Developer of the Year, New Developer of the Year, Developer of the Year, New Build/Adaptive Reuse of the Year and Conversion of the Year.

"We are thrilled to honor our owner partners and celebrate their passion, creativity and innovative spirit," said Matt Wehling, senior vice president, development, U.S. and Canada, Hilton. "Our team values their commitment to developing and managing high-quality projects and extending the positive impact they can have into their local community. We are excited to honor a year of incredible success and accomplishments."

Every year, Hilton recognizes one owner with The Lifetime Achievement Award. Hilton is proud to announce, Nick Massad, Jr. as the 2016 recipient for his outstanding work and commitment to hotel development in the U.S. and Canada.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Nick Massad Jr., American Liberty Hospitality**
 - The Sam Houston Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Galveston Beach
- Embassy Suites by Hilton Houston Downtown
- Hampton Inn by Hilton Houston Downtown
- Hilton Garden Inn Houston Energy Corridor
- Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Galleria Area
- Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Edinburgh
- Home2 Suites by Hilton Houston
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Houston Downtown

"Nick Massad, Jr., of American Liberty Hospitality has been a part of the Hilton family of brands for more than 40 years," said Bill Fortier, senior vice president, development, Americas, Hilton. "His commitment and leadership has led American Liberty Hospitality to become one of the most successful companies in the development and operation of Hilton brands in the Houston market. Nick and his company have been great and loyal franchise partners, and we congratulate him on this very well-deserved accomplishment."

Award winners in the other categories include:

Multi-Brand Developer of the Year

- **AI Patel, Baywood Hotels**
 - Hampton Inn & Suites Falls Church
 - Home2 Suites by Hilton Arundel Mills BWI Airport
 - Hampton Inn Washington DC NoMa Union Station
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Miami Downtown/Brickell
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Washington DC NoMa Union Station
 - Home2 Suites by Hilton Denver International Airport
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Metairie New Orleans
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton San Antonio Airport

New Developer of the Year

- All Suites: **Vinod Nagi & Justin Mabey, East Avenue Development**
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Moab
- Focused Service: **Hemant Patel and Andy Patel, Visions Hotels**
 - Hampton Inn & Suites Albany-East Greenbush
- Full Service: **Rhaglan Hospitality**
 - Redmont Hotel Birmingham, Curio Collection by Hilton

Developer of the Year

- All Suites: **T2 Hospitality**
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego Downtown/Bayside
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego Mission Valley/Zoo
 - Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayside
 - Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Mission Valley Stadium
- Focused Service: **OTO Development**
 - Hampton Inn & Suites LAX El Segundo

- Hampton Inn & Suites Napa
- Hilton Garden Inn Burbank Downtown
- Hampton Inn & Suites Los Angeles/Santa Monica
- Full Service: **Stephen M. Ross, The Related Companies**
 - Hilton West Palm Beach

New Build/Adaptive Reuse of the Year

- Dual-Brand - All Suites/Focused Service: **Procacci Development Corporation**
 - Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton Miami Dolphin Mall
- Dual-Brand - Focused Service: **Neil Amin, Shamin Hotels**
 - Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Richmond - Downtown and Homewood Suites by Hilton Richmond - Downtown
- Curio Collection by Hilton: **John W. Rutledge, CEO - Oxford Capital Group, LLC**
 - LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton
- DoubleTree by Hilton: **HCW Development Company**
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Evansville
- Embassy Suites by Hilton: **Bo Aughtry, III - Windsor Aughtry**
 - Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Downtown Riverplace
- Embassy Suites by Hilton: **HRI Properties**
 - Embassy Suites by Hilton Minneapolis Downtown
- Hampton Inn by Hilton: **The Christianson family of Canalta Real Estate Services Ltd.**
 - Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Medicine Hat
- Hilton: **Cuyahoga County**
 - Hilton Cleveland Downtown
- Hilton Garden Inn: **Mark Stebbins, XSS Hotels, Principal**
 - Hilton Garden Inn Foxborough Patriot Place
- Home2 Suites by Hilton: **Jeff Good, HRC Hotels/Good Hospitality**
 - Home2 Suites by Hilton Indianapolis Downtown
- Homewood Suites by Hilton: **Ken Finkelstein, Englewood**
 - Homewood Suites Washington DC Capitol-Navy Yard

Conversion of the Year

- Curio Collection by Hilton: **Invesco, Gencom, Benchmark**
 - Ames Boston Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton
- DoubleTree by Hilton: **Fennell Holdings, Inc.**
 - DoubleTree by Hilton North Charleston - Convention Center
- Embassy Suites by Hilton: **Mark Snyder, Managing Member, Sunnyvale CSG LLC**
 - Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort
- Hampton Inn by Hilton: **Mihir (Mark) Patel, Lotus Hospitality**
 - Hampton Inn by Hilton Kansas City/Downtown Financial District
- Hilton Garden Inn: **Rockpoint Group LLC, BlackSand Capital, Evolution Hospitality and Channel West Group**
 - Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki Beach
- Home2 Suites by Hilton: **Apple Hospitality REIT**

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Atlanta Downtown
- Homewood Suites by Hilton: **John Mann, GR HS, LLC**
 - Homewood Suites by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown

For more information about Hilton's Development Awards, please visit newsroom.hilton.com (<http://newsroom.hilton.com>).

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