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Pictured (Left to right): Solomon Keene, HAWDC President & CEO; Gail Smith-Howard, Hyatt Regency Washington; Jennifer Meyers, Four Seasons, Washington D.C.; Liliana Baldissari, Four Seasons Washington D.C.; Carlos Saldivar, Hyatt Regency Washington; Derrick Behlin, Courthouse Marriott Convention Center; Kow Hagen, Hyatt Regency Washington; Carlos Alcazar, Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square; Alexandrya Byrne, Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square; Johnny Guidry, Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square; Patricia Buckley, Washington Hilton; Sierra Marcussi, Hyatt Regency Washington; Gene Hunt, Grand Hyatt Washington.

HAWDC Announces Winners of the Stars of the Industry Awards

(Washington, DC) On February 16, 2017, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC (HAWDC) hosted the Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon at The Capital Hilton. The Stars of the Industry Awards recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the lodging industry and are HAWDC's opportunity to celebrate the best and brightest stars in Washington, DC. HAWDC is thrilled to announce this year's Stars of our Industry!

Community Service: The Four Seasons, Washington, D.C.
Good EarthKeeping: The Washington Hilton
Special Events-Ongoing: Sofitel Washington, D.C. Lafayette Square
Special Events-One-Time: The Grand Hyatt Washington
Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Medium Property): Derrick Behlin-Courtyard Marriott Convention Center
Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Large Property): Kow Hagan-Hyatt Regency Washington
Outstanding Manager of the Year (Medium Property): Johnny Guidry-Sofitel Washington, D.C. Lafayette Square
Outstanding Manager of the Year (Large Property): Sierra Marcussi-Hyatt Regency Washington
Stevan Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader of the Year: Carlos Saldivar- Hyatt Regency Washington and Jennifer Meyers-The Four Seasons Washington, D.C.
Women In Leadership Connect Leader of the Year: Alexandra Byrne-Sofitel Lafayette Square, Washington D.C.
Outstanding General Manager of the Year (Large Property): Gail Smith-Howard – Hyatt Regency Washington

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Established in 1906, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC (www.hawdc.com) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of member hotels in the District of Columbia on a variety of governmental and public affairs issues.

AH&LA (www.ahla.com) is a 93-year-old federation of state lodging associations throughout the United States with some 11,000-property members worldwide, representing more than 1.5 million guest rooms. AH&LA provides its members with assistance in operations, education, and communications, and lobbies on Capitol Hill to provide a business climate in which the industry can continue to prosper. Individual state associations provide representation at the state level and offer many additional cost-saving benefits.