

THE HEATHMAN HOTEL KIRKLAND APPOINTS JIM LARSON AS GENERAL MANAGER

Seasoned hotel management professional joins upscale boutique property



Caption: Jim Larson (Photo credit: The Heathman Hotel)

KIRKLAND, Wash. (February 12, 2018) — The Heathman Hotel Kirkland is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Larson as general manager. In this role, Larson will oversee and manage the daily operations of the downtown Kirkland property, which recently completed a multimillion-dollar renovation of its guestrooms and created a refreshed food and beverage experience at its Trellis Restaurant.

Larson brings more than 25 years of hotel experience to The Heathman, with a majority of his time in management roles. Most recently, he served as the general manager for Residence Inn Marriott in Bellevue, Wash., and before that, the Hilton Suites in Orange, Calif. He moved to the Northwest in 2011.

"Jim is a seasoned leader and manager in the hospitality industry, bringing fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm to The Heathman," said John Oppenheimer, founder and CEO

of Columbia Hospitality. "I have no doubt Jim will ensure that exceptional guest experiences and service are offered from all areas of the hotel's operations."

The Heathman Hotel completed a substantial renovation in December 2017, having remodeled its 91 guestrooms and suites. The update provided a fresh, modern aesthetic along with furnishings designed to reflect the hotel's Pacific Northwest surroundings. The property boasts 4,555 square feet of meeting and event spaces that accommodate up to 200 guests and is home to the locally inspired Trellis Restaurant.

"The Heathman is an outstanding property in the heart of the downtown Kirkland, with so much to offer guests traveling from near and far," said Larson. "I am excited to join this vibrant community and lead our hardworking team to elevate the existing hotel and restaurant offerings, while keeping the unmatched service that defines us."

Larson received a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from California Baptist College. He currently lives in Redmond, Wash., with his wife and three daughters. When he's not working, Larson is very active in his church community and enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

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About The Heathman Hotel Kirkland

The Heathman Hotel is a 91-room, upscale boutique hotel in downtown Kirkland, Wash. Located in the heart of the city with a neighborhood feel, The Heathman is steps away from Marina Park on the eastern shore of Lake Washington, and is close to Seattle and Bellevue. The hotel features permanent and rotating fine art throughout its public spaces, as well as custom artwork in guestrooms. Trellis Restaurant, the onsite 90-seat restaurant and bar, offers a lively atmosphere and seasonally crafted menus by executive chef Benjamin Closson. The independent, full-service hotel and restaurant add to the appeal of fast-growing and vibrant Kirkland. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 888-264-5494 or visit www.heathmankirkland.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality (Columbia) is a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting company that was established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio includes award-winning hotels, public and private golf facilities, conference centers, distinctive venues and residential properties. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners. With over 20 years of proven success in management, Columbia has also consulted on over 100 hospitality projects worldwide, delivering a high level of customized service to partners and investors. For more information about Columbia and to view the entire portfolio, visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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