

THE HEATHMAN HOTEL KIRKLAND APPOINTS MIKE HILL AS GENERAL MANAGER

Seasoned hotel management professional joins upscale boutique property



Caption: Mike Hill (Photo credit: The Heathman Hotel)

KIRKLAND, **Wash**. (**May 27**, **2020**) — The Heathman Hotel Kirkland is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Hill as general manager. In this role, Hill will oversee and manage the daily operations of the downtown Kirkland property, which has recently completed the refresh of its lobby and also launching a refreshed food and beverage experience at its restaurant, Hearth.

Hill brings more than a decade of hotel experience to The Heathman, with a majority of his time in management roles at Kimpton Hotels in Seattle. Most recently, he served as general manager for Kimpton Hotel Monaco Seattle and Kimpton Hotel Vintage Seattle. Prior to his positions in Seattle, he was the general manager of the Kimpton Grand Hotel in Minneapolis.

"Columbia Hospitality is excited to welcome Mike to the team as he brings incredible experience with him and will be a natural leader at The Heathman," said John Oppenheimer, founder and CEO of Columbia Hospitality. "As the hospitality industry looks to a brighter future, I'm confident that Mike will ensure a continued exceptional guest experience, while innovating new standards of service, building on our already stringent cleanliness protocols, as well as adding experiences and new offerings - we cannot wait to share it with all of our guests."

The Heathman Hotel is home to 91 spacious and modern guestrooms and suites, complete with furnishings designed to reflect the hotel's Pacific Northwest surroundings. The property boasts 4,555 square feet of meeting and event space, and is home to Hearth Restaurant, a new concept which launched in 2019 and features inspiring, seasonal fare with a fresh approach to casual craft food, from its signature hearth oven.

"Joining The Heathman team during this time for our industry is an exciting challenge," said Hill. "I look forward to welcoming new and returning guests to this stellar hotel as they begin to travel for work and pleasure once again. Kirkland has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and our hope is to bring people back and give them a reason to support our vibrant community of small businesses. With the waterfront within an easy walking distance from the hotel, the delicious food at Hearth and our prime location, I am confident The Heathman will be a place to gather often and stay once again."

Hill is originally from Minneapolis. Having moved to the Seattle area in 2011, he is proud to now call the Northwest home. He currently lives in Kenmore, with his wife, two children and a dog named Harrison. When he's not working, Hill is very active in exploring the Pacific Northwest, hiking, camping and biking.

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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. Hearth Restaurant, located on the ground floor of the hotel, offers guests a warm and inviting atmosphere to watch locally sourced ingredients be brought to life through traditional hearth oven cooking techniques. The independent, full-service hotel and restaurant add to the appeal of fast-growing and vibrant Kirkland. The Heathman is managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more

information or to make a reservation, please call 888-264-5494 or visit www.heathmankirkland.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (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, conference centers, distinctive venues, private and public golf facilities, restaurants and bars, 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 200 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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