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**HOWARD WEIN HOSPITALITY APPOINTED CULINARY PARTNER BY
THAYER LODGING GROUP, BROOKFIELD HOTEL PROPERTIES**

HWH to Create, Implement and Operate all Dining and Drinking at the Diplomat Resort & Spa

New York, NY (June 16, 2016) – Thayer Lodging Group, Brookfield Hotel Properties, the hotel asset manager for the Diplomat Resort & Spa today announced that Howard Wein and his team at Howard Wein Hospitality (HWH) have been selected to spearhead the culinary evolution of the Diplomat.

The Diplomat Resort & Spa, with its rich history as a vibrant hub of entertainment and hospitality in South Florida, will be reimagined to bring back to life the spirit and exuberance of this iconic destination. Paramount to this revitalization are 12 culinary and bar concepts, each with its own DNA and distinguished character. Wein and his team have created dining experiences that range from chef-driven restaurants to uniquely branded accessible eateries to a casual grab-and-go market and a family-friendly sweets shop; the bar offerings will speak to what is on-trend now as well as to what harkens back to another era, when great hotels were known as the ultimate spots for drinking and gathering.

“We sought out Howard Wein not only for his extensive knowledge and experience in the culinary and beverage space, but also for his progressive approach. He is a natural fit for the future evolution taking place at this iconic property,” says Shai Zelering, Managing Director, Head of Asset Management for Brookfield Hotel Properties. “Given where we are taking the Diplomat brand, Howard Wein is the ideal partner for this exciting project. His creativity and ability to execute successful concepts are paramount to the success of the repositioning of this resort.”

“Our team is thrilled by the opportunity to work with Thayer Lodging Group, Brookfield Hotel Properties on the development of 12 new restaurants and bars for the Diplomat,” says Howard Wein, Founder of Howard Wein Hospitality. “Applying our hands-on creativity, operational leadership and execution capabilities in a broad range of culinary and cocktail concepts will set this resort apart. And of course, returning to the Diplomat has personal meaning for me as I worked with the property when it originally re-opened in 2002.”

HWH will oversee the roll-out of the concepts, chef partners, and unique programming over the course of the \$100 million renovation taking place at the Diplomat. Additional details about each culinary outlet will be released over the coming months.

The Diplomat Resort & Spa is located at 3555 S. Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL 33019.

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About Howard Wein Hospitality

Howard Wein Hospitality is an advisory and venture firm serving the global hospitality community. Established to leverage years of successful senior leadership in the restaurant, bar and entertainment spaces, HWH works with both established firms and start-ups to design, develop, open and operate restaurant and bar concepts. For more information please visit www.weinhospitality.com.

About Diplomat Resort & Spa Hollywood

South Florida's premier beachfront resort and convention center, Diplomat Resort & Spa, a Curio Collection by Hilton, is ideally located in Hollywood, Florida between Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Diplomat's landmark status originates as much from its roots as a glamorous Florida host as from its brilliant design, oceanfront setting, and endless ways to connect, recharge and recreate. The resort features 998 guest rooms and suites, along with a luxe lineup of explorations and amenities, including its award-winning steakhouse, Diplomat Prime, and an oceanfront spa. The resort's convention center provides more than 200,000 square feet of flexible meeting and catering space, including a 50,000 square-foot, unobstructed Great Hall, four ballrooms and 39 individual meeting rooms. An award winning property, Diplomat Resort & Spa Hollywood has received top honors from TripAdvisor and was named a top 100 Meeting Hotel by Cvent. For more information, visit www.DiplomatResort.com or call 954-602-6000.