



HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
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The Hotel Association of Canada announces the 2018 Board of Directors

TORONTO, ONTARIO – The Hotel Association of Canada (HAC), the national association representing 8,226 hotels, motels, and resorts which encompass the \$19.2 billion Canadian lodging industry, announced its 2018 Board of Directors, effective as of the Association’s Annual General Meeting held in Toronto on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Vito Curalli, CHA, MBA, Executive Director Canada, Latin America & International Sales for Hilton Worldwide will be continuing his two-year term as Chair.

“The hotel industry — and the world in which it operates — is evolving,” said Susie Grynol, President of the Hotel Association of Canada. “I look forward to working alongside the Board of Directors to deliver a targeted advocacy strategy and continuing to be the leading voice of the Canadian hotel and lodging industry.”

Newly appointed to the HAC Board of Directors for 2018 is Sara Glenn, Senior Vice President of Operations, Canada, Bermuda and the Caribbean for AccorHotels. As the association implements its new strategic plan, Sara will bring immense value to the association drawn from her extensive knowledge of the industry. Sara will bring over 25 years of senior hospitality experience uniquely based in both the ownership and operating sides of the industry. “We are thrilled to have a great female executive in Sara Glenn,” said Susie Grynol.

Ten board members will serve as corporate representatives of the HAC Board of Directors, including:

Vito Curalli, Hilton Worldwide
Satinder Dhillon, Westmont Hospitality Group
Sara Glenn, AccorHotels
Neil Hornsby, Best Western Hotels and Resorts
Brian Leon, Choice Hotels Canada Inc.
Jonathan Lund, Intercontinental Hotels Group
Irwin M. Prince, Realstar Hospitality
Robert Pratt, One Lodging Management
Marc Staniloff, Superior Lodging Corp.
Martin Stitt, Marriott Hotels of Canada

They are joined at the HAC board table by ten Provincial Hotel Association representatives, including:

James Chase, British Columbia Hotel Association
David Kaiser, Alberta Hotel & Lodging Association
Jim Bence, Saskatchewan Hotel & Hospitality Association
Scott Jocelyn, Manitoba Hotel Association
Tony Elenis, Ontario Restaurant, Hotel & Motel Association
Xavier Gret, Association Hôtellerie Québec
Raymond Roberge, New Brunswick Tourism Association



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Jeff Ransome, Hotel Association Nova Scotia
Craig Jones, Hotel Association of Prince Edward Island
Larry Laite, Hospitality Newfoundland & Labrador

The HAC Board of Directors are joined by the Director at Large:
Philippe Gadbois, Atlific Hotels

The HAC board meets four times yearly to discuss a broad range of industry and association-related issues. The 2018 Board of Directors was appointed by the HAC Nominating Committee in accordance with HAC Bylaws.

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*The **Hotel Association of Canada (HAC)** is the leading voice of the Canadian Hotel and Lodging industry. For over 100 years, it has worked to enhance the prosperity of the Canadian Hotel and Lodging Industry through strong member engagement, effective advocacy, and the provision of value added programs and services. The Hotel Association represents more than 8,226 hotels, motels and resorts that encompass the \$19.2 billion Canadian hotel industry which employs 304,000 people across Canada.*

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