

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **TOWNPLACE SUITES IN HATTIESBURG RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MARRIOTT AWARDS**

**HATTIESBURG, MS, April 19, 2017** – The TownePlace Suites hotel in Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been officially recognized by Marriott with two prestigious awards for the TownePlace flag that acknowledge its status as one of the company's top hotels in the United States.

The first was the "Opening Hotel of the Year" award. To receive this award, the property must have opened between September 2015 and October 2016. The hotel's leadership team must demonstrate a positive impact on hotel performance. In addition, all service team members and managers on property must have completed required team member training. Finally, "best in class" performance must be demonstrated in financial management; overcoming obstacles; sales leadership; Service for Real Living Leadership; and community service/real giving activation.

The second recognition for the TownePlace Suites was the "Sales Ramp Up" award, which is selected by the Select Service & Extended Stay Hotels Group – The Americas and is based upon meeting/exceeding ramp goals. It is given to the best opening hotel based - on sales and marketing goal attainment in its first 3 months and first 6 months. Goal attainment is defined as how quickly a hotel reaches high occupancy and RevPAR index goals through executing its pre-opening marketing game plan.

"From the very beginning, we assembled a great team who worked together to not only attain but exceed the goals that had been set for our hotel," said Beth Burns, General Manager of the hotel. "We are always striving to be better than we were yesterday. This 'can-do' attitude propels our team and our hotel to stand out within the Marriott brand."

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Mark Ricketts, President and COO of McNeill Hotel Company, the company that manages the property, said, “We are extremely proud of the TownePlace Suites Hattiesburg on the much-deserved awards! Our General Manager, Beth Burns, and her outstanding team truly embody our Company Motto of ‘People Serving People’.”

Located in the heart of the business district, the 94-room Hattiesburg TownePlace Suites offers guests convenient access to Kamper Park Zoo, Camp Shelby and the University of Southern Mississippi. Hotel amenities include an outdoor swimming pool, an exercise room open 24-hours per day, complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel and on-site business services, including copying, faxing and printing. The TownePlace Suites Hattiesburg is pet-friendly (fees may apply) and also provides laundry facilities for guests' convenience.