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**TILMAN FERTITTA ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR OF EVENTS AT THE POST OAK**

**HOUSTON, TX.** – Tilman Fertitta today announced Leo Hamel as the Director of Events and Event Services at The Post Oak, Uptown’s newest luxury mixed-use high rise. In this position, Hamel will oversee the event sales division of The Post Oak and be responsible for the planning and execution of all social and corporate events.

Hamel is a long-tenured hotelier with over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry. With a strong background in event sales and operations, he has served as the Director of Events and Event Services for numerous Hyatt Regency locations across the country including Cambridge, Massachusetts; Greenwich, Connecticut; Phoenix, Arizona; Capitol Hill and Houston.

Prior to his years with Hyatt, Hamel honed his skills in event operations while serving as the Banquet Manager at the Marriott.

“The Post Oak will be a hub for Houston’s dynamic event scene and requires management of the highest caliber, said Tilman Fertitta, owner of the Post Oak. “I’m confident Leo will deliver services that cater to the city’s preeminent social calendar.”

Equipped with decades of event management experience, Hamel looks forward to taking on the thriving event scene in Houston during The Post Oak’s inaugural year.

**About The Post Oak**

Slated to open early 2018, the stylish 10-acre development will feature a 38-story tower with an adjacent elegant and expansive 16,000 square-foot ballroom, the largest in the Galleria and Uptown area. The 700,000-square-foot tower embraces every desire of savvy business and leisure travelers alike and will accommodate 250-luxury hotel rooms, more than 150,000 square feet of boutique office space, and 20 executive residences, all with dramatic interior finishes and unobstructed views of the surrounding neighborhoods and Downtown. Upon entering the tower, a captivating open plaza greets guests with a grand chandelier, extravagant artwork and a plush living area. The tower’s lobby will be designed with exquisite finishes and furnishings, custom lighting, and views overlooking a stunning pool. The Post Oak complex is awash in greenery, mature oak trees and tranquil water fountains – a true vision while dining al fresco at one of the many outdoor patios including the celebrity acclaimed and Texas’ first Mastro’s Steakhouse and the new Willie G’s

Seafood. Walkable thoroughfares lined with even more luscious oak trees offer guests an enchanting path while making their way to the surrounding district. Unique amenities will include the world's first two-story Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Bugatti showroom; a designer boutique; a one-of-a-kind spa and salon experience with exclusive products and treatments; over 1,000 parking spaces, and more.

**Fertitta Entertainment and its affiliates, Landry's, Golden Nugget and Fertitta Hospitality**

Wholly owned by Tilman J. Fertitta, Fertitta Entertainment and its affiliates, Landry's, Golden Nugget, and Fertitta Hospitality, are a multinational, diversified restaurant, hospitality, gaming, and entertainment conglomerate based in Houston, Texas. They operate more than 500 high-end and casual dining establishments around the world, including well-known concepts, such as Landry's Seafood, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Rainforest Cafe, Morton's The Steakhouse, The Oceanaire, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood, Mitchell's Fish Market, Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Claim Jumper, and Mastro's Restaurants. They also operate a group of signature restaurants, including Vic & Anthony's, Grotto, Willie G's, and others. The gaming division includes the renowned Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino concept, with locations in Las Vegas and Laughlin, NV, Atlantic City, NJ, Biloxi, MS, and Lake Charles, LA. The entertainment and hospitality divisions encompass popular destinations, including the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier, Kemah Boardwalk, Aquarium Restaurants, and other exciting attractions, coupled with deluxe accommodations throughout the Houston and Galveston area, including the Westin Hotel in downtown Houston, the Kemah Boardwalk Inn and luxurious San Luis Resort, including the Galveston Island Hilton and Holiday Inn all located on Galveston Island.

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