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Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton St. Paul Downtown / Xcel Energy Center Announces General Manager and Director of Sales



St. Paul, MN- Hilton's family of hotels will have a new 160-room hotel in downtown St. Paul, MN; the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton St. Paul Downtown/ Xcel Energy Center. The property is expected to be completed in December 2016. The five story hotel will be located at 200 West 7th St. next to the Xcel Energy Center and will provide valet parking in its attached parking garage. The hotel will be situated on the former 7 corners hardware store, which was a city landmark since 1933.

The Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton St. Paul Downtown is proud to announce General Manager, John Melstrom, and Director of Sales, Mike Meyer.

Melstrom came to Vista Host with a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He grew up in a small town Durand, WI which is new Eau Claire, WI. Melstrom is a team player and believer in developing his team. Melstrom looks to do the same thing in St. Paul while being a part of the community.

MEYER RETURNS TO SAINT PAUL TO OPEN NEW HOTEL ON 7TH STREET

Michael Meyer, a hospitality veteran with more than 30 years of sales and marketing experience is returning to Saint Paul to open the new Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown St. Paul on 7th Street directly across from the Xcel Energy Center.

Meyer had previously held senior sales and marketing positions with Saint Paul's Morrissey Hospitality Companies where he worked for nearly 12 years. He was part of the team that opened two new hotels with Morrissey in 2008, while also working with the management team at Wildside Caterers to host the 2008 Republican National Convention.

During his tenure with Morrissey, Meyer worked on the Chamber's PAC board and public Relations committees, as well as serving on the Minnesota Department of Health's Food Code Advisory Committee.

"It just amazing to return to Saint Paul to open a hotel that has really been ten years in the making. And what a hotel it will be... fantastic views of the Mississippi River and Harriet Island, Cathedral Hill, and the beautiful Saint Paul Skyline. Mr. Harrell and his team believe in providing their guests with an outstanding hospitality experience. Their hotels are consistently ranked among the best in their markets for quality and guest satisfaction."

Mike Gulotty, Vice President of Operations, states "I couldn't be more excited about our ability to serve the community, with St. Paul's very own Michael Meyer, our Director of Sales and Marketing. Meyer's love and knowledge for St. Paul provides a distinct opportunity in this marketplace."

About the Hotel:

Situated in the heart of St. Paul's dynamic dining scene, the Hampton Inn & Suites St. Paul Downtown/ Xcel Energy Center is the perfect place to stay to experience everything St. Paul, while working, meeting, or in town for a game. Most rooms will have outstanding views of the river & the famous National Shrine, the Cathedral of St. Paul. Every guest can enjoy the state of the art fitness center or relax in the indoor pool after a day of meetings in one of the hotel's 3 meeting rooms (combined seating for up to 180 people) or Board Room.

About Vista Host:

The Hampton Inn & Suites St. Paul Downtown is managed by Vista Host - a Hotel Management & Development Company with industry leading expertise in managing limited feature hotels. Over the past 38 years we have managed a wide array of franchise brands including Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Home2 Suites, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Towneplace Suites & Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott. We know that each hotel is unique and we must address the specific needs of each hotel. Vista Host's operational strength flows from our focus in five primary areas: a strong commitment to providing legendary service to our guests; engaged involvement from our General Managers in our revenue management and sales efforts; a comprehensive sales training program, optimum efficiency in labor and operations costs; and a keen focus on talent development through award winning programs such as our MIT (Manager In Training) program to ensure we are constantly positioned to entertain new projects.



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