

W MINNEAPOLIS – THE FOSHAY & LE MÉRIDIEN CHAMBERS MINNEAPOLIS TAKE HOME MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS' 2016 GOLD KEY AWARDS

Starwood's sister hotels named "Best Hotel/Resort" and "Best Boutique Property" in the Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (August 2016) – W Minneapolis – The Foshay and Le Méridien Chambers Minneapolis are pleased to receive *Meetings & Conventions'* (*M&C*) 2016 Gold Key Awards for "Best Hotel/Resort" in the midwestern region. Additionally, Le Méridien Chambers Minneapolis earned the award for "Best Boutique Property" in the midwestern region.

Meetings & Conventions is one of the world's leading meeting trade magazines, with a total readership of more than 60,000 meeting planners, corporate executives and industry professionals. For more than 35 years, the magazine's Gold Key Awards have recognized leading hotels that have excelled in servicing meeting and event professionals, as voted on by the readers of M&C.

"This award is a true testament to our team's dedication to providing exceptional experiences for meetings, corporate and incentive groups," said Complex General Manager for both properties, David Cronin. "We are honored to receive such prestigious recognition, and plan to continue raising the bar on the destination meetings experience in the Midwest."

M&C's annual survey polls readers in nine categories that range from "Best Hotel/Resort" to "Best Overall Hotel Chain," recognizing properties worldwide that go above and beyond to provide travelers with the utmost level of service and innovation. The "Best Hotel/Resort" category asks readers to rate nominees on key criteria including staff professionalism, support on site inspections, ground transportation assistance, and guidance on local attractions. This year, hotel chains were recognized nationally, while leading hotel properties were recognized in several categories regionally in the US and worldwide.

M&C 2016 Gold Key Award winners will be officially recognized in the magazine's annual Gold Awards supplement, which is distributed to 50,000 print and digital media each November and read by more than 130,000 meeting and event planners across the United States.

ABOUT W MINNEAPOLIS – THE FOSHAY

Modeled after the Washington Monument, W Minneapolis – 'The Foshay' was named for the 1920's iconic landmark building it occupies. Striking the perfect balance between historic chic and modern design, the resort boasts 229 glamorous rooms, including 18 luxurious suites. The property features a speakeasy-style Prohibition bar on the 27th floor, where guests can sip inventive craft cocktails while taking in sweeping skyline views. The hotel also features a 30th floor open-air observation deck with 360° city views (the only one of its kind in the city), award-winning cuisine at Manny's Steakhouse, The Living Room lounge with resident DJ Lenka Paris, state-of-the-art fitness center, full-service WIRED business center, and 6,700 square feet of meeting and event space. For more information, visit wminneapolishotel.com.

ABOUT LE MÉRIDIEN CHAMBERS MINNEAPOLIS

Situated in the heart of the city's arts district, Le Méridien Chambers Minneapolis is within walking distance from the Orpheum Theater, the Walker Art Center and the Guthrie Theater. Bringing art in, the 60-room boutique hotel features an on-site gallery with original artwork from local and

nationally recognized artists, in addition to artwork in all guest rooms and common areas. Guests can enjoy fresh, creative cuisine at MARIN Restaurant and Bar, a 24-hour fully equipped Fitness Centre, and in-room massage services performed by skilled therapists. For more information, visit: lemeridienchambers.com.

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