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McKibbon Hospitality Appoints James House as Opening General Manager of Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages



Wildwood, FL (February 10, 2022) – <u>McKibbon Hospitality</u>, an award-winning leader in hotel management, today announced the appointment of James House, as General Manager of the Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood-The Villages. Upon completion, House will be responsible for overseeing all operations of the 96-room hotel adjacent to The Villages retirement community slated to open this spring.

"James is a long-time McKibbon leader with a passion for hospitality and an extensive background in all areas of hotel operations," said Carrie Duncan, McKibbon Hospitality regional vice president of Operations. "We are confident that with James at the helm, the hotel, its guests and our associates will all be in great hands. We greatly look forward to opening our doors and officially joining the Wildwood and Villages community in just a few short months."

During his 10-year career with McKibbon Hospitality, House has held and excelled at a variety of operational leadership roles across several notable brands, most recently serving as Dual Assistant General Manager of the dual-branded AC Hotel and Residence Inn Charlotte City Center. Prior to his stint in Charlotte, House oversaw day-to-day operations of the Residence Inn Tallahassee North/I-10 Capital Circle as General Manager, where he was responsible for staffing, labor, expense controls, forecasting, inventories and more.

House joined McKibbon in 2013 as Operations Manager of Aloft Tallahassee Downtown, making the transition from White Lodging, where he served as Operations Supervisor and then Operations Manager for two of their Tampa properties over a 5-year period. From 2016-2018,

he held the role of Assistant General Manager of McKibbon's Hampton Inn & Suites Tampa Airport Avion Park Westshore, helping the property achieve #1 ranking on TripAdvisor during its first 9 months in operation.

Home2 Suites by Hilton Wildwood/The Villages, which is owned and being developed by Tampa-based commercial real estate firm, Liberty Group and managed by McKibbon Hospitality, boasts 96 guest rooms across four floors. The area's first extended-stay hotel is primed to host friends and families of The Villages residents in the coming months, offering spacious and modern accommodations with in-room kitchenettes and additional amenities aimed at providing guests with a home-away-from-home experience, including complimentary breakfast and Wi-Fi.

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About McKibbon Hospitality

Headquartered in Tampa, FL, McKibbon Hospitality creates memorable hospitality experiences that inspire brand and property loyalty. It's how we've grown into one of the largest (and most awarded) hotel management companies in the country. We operate dozens of hotels for Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, IHG, and other iconic hospitality brands. Our legacy is built on a foundation of integrity, anchored in how we value our guests, treat our associates and partners, and give back to our communities. Visit McKibbon.com to learn more.

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