



SpringHill Suites Vero Beach

Indian River Chamber Names SpringHill Suites Vero Beach as Mid-size Company of 2015, Bestows Honor at 18th Annual Industry Appreciation's Awards luncheon

Vero Beach, FL and Atlanta, GA–September 21, 2015 – The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the achievements of local companies at its 18th Annual Industry Appreciation Awards Luncheon at the Indian River State College Richardson Center. SpringHill Suites by Marriott Vero Beach was honored as the Chamber's 2015 Medium Company of the Year, based on employment levels.

Atlanta-based <u>Hotel Equities</u> serves as the management company and shares ownership with Vero Beach-based <u>Kite Properties</u>, <u>LLC</u> for the 83-room property. Missy Davis is the General Manager, Amy Selby is the Director of Sales and Talya Shepherd serves as the Operations Manager.

The Chamber's Company of the Year award recognizes local businesses that stimulate the Indian River County economy, make contributions back to the community, provide quality year-round employment and have an overall positive impact on the county.

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Vero Beach was recognized as the Chamber's Medium-sized Business of the Year. The hotel opened in 2009 and has 30 employees, generating an estimated \$55,300 in annual payroll taxes and \$62,800 in property taxes each year. SpringHill has seen a 23% increase in sales over the past year and was recognized with a Gold Circle Award from Marriott for ranking in the top 10% of the brand in overall Guest Satisfaction Scores. The hotel hosts a number of non-profit events throughout the year and donates room nights for local fundraisers.



Photo caption: The Chamber of Commerce of Indian River County, Florida, honored the SpringHill Suites Vero Beach as the Mediumsized Business of the Year. Representing the hotel at the awards ceremony were (left to right) Talya Shephard, Operations Manager; Keith Kite, Kite Properties, LLC; Missy Davis, General Manager; and Amy Selby, Director of Sales.

Hotel Equities (HE) is an Atlanta-based full-scale hotel ownership, management and development firm operating more than 95 hotels throughout North America. Frederick W. Cerrone, CHA, serves as Chairman and CEO; Brad Rahinsky serves as President and COO. For more information, visit www.hotelequities.com.

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