Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown / West Loop Awarded Prestigious LEED Green Building Certification

March 29, 2017, (Chicago, IL) -- The Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown / West Loop announced today that its building, located at 116-118 N Jefferson, Chicago, IL, has been awarded LEED Silver. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

The Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown / West Loop achieved LEED certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

LEED is the leading program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. There are four levels of LEED Certification: LEED Certified, LEED Silver, LEED Gold and LEED Platinum. More than 89,600 commercial projects are currently participating in LEED, comprising more than 17.1 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and more than 164 countries and territories.

"Market transformation happens one building at a time. The Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown / West Loop project understands the value of LEED and has exemplified extraordinary leadership in reshaping their sector," said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO, USGBC. "The success of LEED is due to the partnership and support of those committed to advancing green building and sustainability. Each new LEED certification is one step closer to revolutionizing the environment in which we live, work and play."

The properties were developed and are owned by a joint venture between Chicago's Jupiter Realty Co. and Boston-based Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation. The hotels are managed by Hostmark Hospitality Group.

The announcement comes just in time for Hilton's weeklong celebration of Earth Week. All Hilton properties celebrate this week by engaging and challenging both staff and guests alike to become more environmentally aware. The Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Chicago Downtown / West Loop are working with Openlands, a Chicago organization based in Downtown Chicago. The Hotels are raising money through the support of employees and guests to help purchase, plant and maintain trees in the Chicagoland area. The Hotels will continue to raise money through Earth Day in April. To find out more or to get involved with the project, please visit Hampton Inn's Facebook page or Homewood Suites' Facebook page.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit <u>Hampton Inn by Hilton Chicago West Loop</u> or call +1 312 648 0000 and Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago West Loop or call +1 312 930 0000.

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