

Wyndham Worldwide is Recognized as one of the DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity for Fifth Consecutive Year

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For the global hospitality provider, adopting diversity strategies that enable people to travel and experience different cultures isn't a program, but a mission

PARSIPPANY, N.J., May 3, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Wyndham Worldwide (NYSE: WYN) has been named among the DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity, ranking in the top 25 for the first time. As #24 for 2017, Wyndham Worldwide is also among the Top Companies for Diversity Councils and LGBT Employees. This is the fifth consecutive year Wyndham Worldwide has been included among the DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity. The consistent recognition reflects the values and the overall mission of the global hospitality company and its 38,000 associates take in enabling more travelers to visit and experience more cultures and places than anyone else.

"As a global hospitality company, diversity is at the heart of what we do," says Stephen P. Holmes, chairman and chief executive officer, Wyndham Worldwide. "Travel enables people of varied nationalities and backgrounds to meet and experience different cultures, raising our collective understanding and appreciation for each other around the world. For Wyndham Worldwide, diversity isn't a program – it's how we do business."

One of the largest global hospitality companies, Wyndham Worldwide provides travelers with access to a collection of trusted hospitality brands and established market leaders in hotels, vacation ownership, and unique accommodations including vacation exchange, holiday parks, and managed home rentals.

"For Wyndham Worldwide, diversity and inclusion is a business imperative," adds Holmes. "That means starting in the corporate boardroom and infusing different perspectives throughout every level of our organization to reflect our customer base and enable us to grow."

Recognizing the value to its business growth in maintaining vibrantly diverse workforce, policies, and supply chain, Wyndham Worldwide has the support of its board of directors in advancing diversity as part of the Company's overall business strategy, and implements the vision through a global diversity council, its dedicated diversity and inclusion team, as well as its growing number of associate business groups dedicated to women, Latinos, African Americans, LGBT and allies, veterans, and multi-generations.

Recent diversity and inclusion-led initiatives have included: recruitment and development events for associates who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces; business-wide discussions on the Hispanic marketplace's rapid growth and opportunities for the Company to reach this powerful demographic; and a US-based national scholarship program for supporting minority and economically challenged students. In addition, the Company partners with local organizations focused on at-risk youth and those faced with challenges to provide mentoring and guidance to the future workforce.

"We are thoughtful about diversity and have made it part of how we operate," says Patricia A. Lee, senior vice president and chief diversity officer at Wyndham Worldwide. "Being open and welcoming to people of all backgrounds, and applying the same level of strategic thought to attracting, retaining, and developing individuals of diverse backgrounds provides us with a strong talent pipeline to fuel our growth."

Wyndham Worldwide has also been recognized by the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, named a Top 50 Company for Latinas by LATINA Style, and among FORTUNE's Most Admired Companies. Additionally, the Company maintains strong partnerships with organizations such as the National Diversity Council, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, National Society of Hispanic MBAs and National Association of Black, Hispanic, Asian and Women MBAs.

DiversityInc also announced a number of Specialty Lists. Wyndham Worldwide was named among the Top Companies for Diversity Councils (#6) and LGBT Employees. DiversityInc's annual survey – tracking the nation's top companies when it comes to hiring, retaining and promoting women, minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT and veterans – is the most rigorous, data-driven survey of its kind, gauging detailed demographics based on race/ethnicity and gender at some of the largest U.S. employers.

About Wyndham Worldwide:

Wyndham Worldwide (NYSE: WYN) is one of the largest global hospitality companies, providing travelers with access to a collection of trusted hospitality brands in hotels, vacation ownership, and unique accommodations including vacation exchange, holiday parks, and managed home rentals. With a collective inventory of nearly 130,000 places to stay across more than 110 countries on six continents, Wyndham Worldwide and its 38,000 associates welcomes people to experience travel the way they want. This is enhanced by Wyndham Rewards®, the Company's re-imagined guest loyalty program across its businesses, which is making it simpler for members to earn more rewards and redeem their points faster. For more information, please visit www.wyndhamworldwide.com.

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