



## **VIRGIN HOTELS ANNOUNCES KEY ADDITIONS TO LEADERSHIP TEAM**

*Growing Lifestyle Hotel Brand Appoints Senior Vice President of Operations and Vice President of Construction*

Miami, FL (January 23, 2020) — Virgin Hotels, the lifestyle hotel brand by Sir Richard Branson, is pleased to welcome two new members to its corporate leadership team: **Rick Colangelo** as Senior Vice President of Operations and **Guy Lindsey** as Vice President of Construction.

“2020 and 2021 are poised to be landmark years for Virgin Hotels, as we continue to aspire to be both great operators focused on superior returns to our owners as well as a great brand,” said Raul Leal, CEO of Virgin Hotels. “Both Rick and Guy join us at a pivotal time and bring a wealth of experience and expertise that will add to the continued development and expansion of Virgin Hotels.”

Rick Colangelo, a seasoned hospitality industry veteran with a diverse background in branded and lifestyle hotels, starts as Senior Vice President of Operations for Virgin Hotels. In this role, Rick assumes direct oversight responsibilities for Virgin Hotels’ existing and forthcoming properties, while working with the corporate leadership team on broader strategic initiatives. Prior to joining the Virgin Hotels family, Colangelo worked for Hyatt Hotels Corporation as Senior Vice President of Field Operations for the brand’s Two Roads Hospitality Lifestyle Portfolio. Ahead of Hyatt’s purchase of the portfolio, Colangelo served as Executive Vice President of Operations, overseeing the sales, revenue, restaurants, bars and nightlife of Two Roads’ \$500 million portfolio of 35 hotels and resorts, as well as their 15 properties in development. He was also pivotal to the integration of the two companies, establishing quality standards and new sales and revenue systems and enhancements, while continuing to add value to existing properties. Additional experience includes a 10-year tenure as Vice President of Operations for Kimpton Hotels in the Northeast and Southeast. Rick will be based in Miami, FL.

Guy Lindsey brings extensive experience with strategic lodging development and renovation projects to the role of Vice President of Construction for Virgin Hotels, where by he will support current efforts in the design area and streamline opening processes as the brand continues to grow. In a career that has spanned more than 35 years, Guy has been involved in all phases of construction management, including hotels, residential, mixed use and office building projects. In addition to serving as one of the industry’s most valued consultants, Lindsey previously held the position of Senior Vice President of Design & Construction at Park Hotels and Resorts, a company born out of Hilton Worldwide, where he developed and supervised the internal and external project management and engineering team. He also served as Senior Vice President of Design & Construction at Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc., where he worked on projects that include the Marriott Wailea and Hyatt Regency San Francisco. Throughout his career, Lindsey has had direct experience with \$3 billion worth of renovation, conversation and repositioning projects across all major brands and property types. A graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Building Science, Lindsey will be based in Miami, FL.

These hiring announcements come on the heels of Virgin Hotels Dallas grand opening in December 2019. The property joined the Virgin Hotels rapidly growing portfolio including Virgin Hotels Chicago and Virgin Hotels San Francisco, with openings in Nashville, New York, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Edinburgh, Palm

Springs and Miami. To learn more about Virgin Hotels, visit [www.virginhotels.com](http://www.virginhotels.com). To learn more about future developments, please visit <https://development.virginhotels.com/>.

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**Image Rick Colangelo:**

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**ABOUT VIRGIN HOTELS**

Virgin Hotels is a lifestyle hospitality brand that combines heartfelt service, straightforward value and a seamless, personalized hotel experience with the track record of innovation and smart disruption that Sir Richard Branson's global Virgin Group has pioneered for over 40 years. Each property intermixes a passion for food and beverage with music and culture, fusing with the local landscape and providing a vibrant and inclusive environment for travelers and locals alike. Currently the brand operates Virgin Hotels San Francisco, Virgin Hotels Dallas and Virgin Hotels Chicago - named the "#1 Hotel in United States" in 2016, and "#1 Hotel in Chicago" in both 2016 and 2017 in the Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards. Locations in Nashville, New York, New Orleans, Miami, Palm Springs, Edinburgh, Las Vegas and others are to follow. Virgin Hotels continues to explore hotel and office conversions as well as ground-up development in cities such as Boston, Los Angeles, Austin, Seattle, and London.

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