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STARBOARD HOTELS ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Starboard Hotels are thrilled to announce that industry guru's Robert Crook, former Managing Director of Interstate Hotels and Resorts, John Kilty, previously Director of Allied Irish Banks UKI and Brian Harrigan, previously with the Metropolitan Police policy division, have agreed to join the company as non-executive members of the Board.

Managing Director Paul Callingham alongside Operations Director Kerian Barnes and Finance Director Jon Baker, continue to lead the company through an impressive growth strategy, having acquired 10 hotels within the last three years. Starboard is on course for further expansion after revealing plans this summer for the development of a 146-bed Hampton by Hilton hotel at Park Royal in London, which, added to the existing portfolio will provide 1,428 rooms over 14 hotels. The group are also midway through a portfolio refurbishment programme, which will see over 900 bedrooms refurbished over an 18 month period.

Announcing the appointments, Paul Callingham said: "We are delighted that Robert, John and Brian have agreed to join the team, their presence will provide immense strength and further governance to our Board, bringing their unrivalled wealth of experience and industry knowledge."

Starboard continue their growth strategy and are keen to continue acquiring quality branded hotels throughout the UK.

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Notes to editors

Starboard Hotels is an award winning owner and operator of franchised hotels under the world's leading brands including Holiday Inn Express (IHG), Days Inn (Wyndham), Best Western and since June 2015 also Accor hotels.

Starboard is a specialist in small and medium size UK based hotels ranging from limited service hotels to full service properties. Hotels in Starboard's operating portfolio include the Best Western Carlton Hotel Blackpool and Best Western Plus Epping Forest, Days Inn Wetherby, Holiday Inn Express Greenock, the multi award-winning Holiday Inn Express Burnley, the Holiday Inn Express Leeds Armouries, Hoiday Inn Express Taworth, Holiday Inn Exoress Ramsgate

and a number of Ibis Hotels in key UK cities such as Birmingham, Sheffield, Leicester, Plymouth and London Gatwick.

In 2014 the Holiday Inn Express Burnley was presented with the IHG's Developing People award for its outstanding achievements in encouraging people to pursue a career in the hospitality industry. The hotel also won the category of Best Small Group Hotel Employer in Hospitality in 2013 and placed fourth in the Top 50 Best Employers in Hospitality at the Best Employers in Hospitality Awards the same year. In 2010 the Holiday Inn Express Burnley has been awarded with the IHG Torchbearer EMEA Hotel award.

Starboard Hotels is accredited with Investors In People (IIP) and ISO 9001 and 1400 and has a number of ongoing active business projects in key UK locations.

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