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## Mainsail Lodging & Development Properties Earn TripAdvisor Top Honors Epicurean Hotel, Mainsail Beach Inn make TripAdvisor Hall of Fame

**TAMPA, Fla.** (June 3, 2019) – Mainsail Lodging & Development has announced that five of its properties have received the 2019 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor. Among the award-winners are the **Epicurean Hotel** and **Mainsail Beach Inn**, which were also inducted into Trip Advisor's **Hall of Fame** this year, having earned five consecutive Certificates of Excellence. **Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club**, **Fenway Hotel** and **Scrub Island Resort**, **Spa & Marina** round out the company's five winning properties.

"Across our diverse portfolio, our entire team is ecstatic to have received TripAdvisor's top honor," said Joe Collier, president of Mainsail Lodging & Development. "These awards give an extra boost to all those who work so hard all year round to create best-in-class experiences that excite and motivate our valued guests."

The food-focused Epicurean Hotel in Tampa's trendy Hyde Park has received the award each year since its December 2013 opening, automatically placing it into the coveted TripAdvisor 2019 Hall of Fame. Fellow Hall of Fame inductee Mainsail Beach Inn on Anna Maria Island is consistently ranked No. 1 or 2 by TripAdvisor in its lodging category. This is the second year its sister property, Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club, has received the award. Fenway Hotel, one of the latest Mainsail Lodging & Development projects located in Dunedin, Florida, won the award in its opening year. For Scrub Island Resort, a private-island resort in the British Virgin Islands, this is the ninth consecutive year to win the Certificate of Excellence and maintain its Hall of Fame status.

The accolade, which honors hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor worldwide. Approximately 10 percent of listings on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award. To qualify for the Certificate of Excellence, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers on TripAdvisor. Additional criteria include the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months.

The Mainsail Lodging & Development properties have also been recognized on similar travel lists, including Travel + Leisure's 500 World's Best Hotels and World's Best Family Hotel in the Caribbean, and Condé Nast Traveler's Reader's Choice Awards for Best Hotels in Florida, among others.

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site, offers trusted advice from real travelers and a wide variety of travel choices and planning features with seamless links to booking tools. TripAdvisor-branded sites make up the largest travel community in the world, with more than 455 million unique monthly visitors, and over 630 million reviews and opinions.

For more information on Mainsail Lodging & Development, visit MainsailHotels.com.

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## **About Mainsail Lodging & Development LLC**

Mainsail Lodging & Development is a Tampa-based hospitality company that develops and operates lodging products in the Southeastern US and the Caribbean. Their property portfolio includes four Autograph Collection hotels: Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina (ScrubIsland.com), a private island resort in the British Virgin Islands; the boutique, food-focused Epicurean Hotel (EpicureanHotel.com) in Tampa, Florida; Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club (WaterlineResort.com) on Anna Maria Island, Florida; and the historic Fenway Hotel (FenwayHotel.com) in Dunedin, Florida; as well as Mainsail Beach Inn (MainsailBeachInn.com), a boutique beachfront hotel on Anna Maria Island, Florida. The company also operates corporate housing throughout the Southeast, exclusively managing the Florida, Georgia and Tennessee markets for Oakwood Worldwide® under both its ExecuStay® (ExecuStay.com) and Oakwood® (Oakwood.com) brands. Mainsail Lodging also manages a portfolio of private vacation homes through its Mainsail Vacation Rentals (Mainsail VR.com) brand and is a select partner of Homes & Villas by Marriott International. Additional future projects include Luminary Hotel & Co. (LuminaryHotel.com) in Fort Myers, Florida; a 128-room Residence Inn in conjunction with an indoor sports complex in Pasco County, Florida; and a historic boutique hotel in Macon, Georgia. Mainsail Lodging's corporate charity is Feeding Tampa Bay, the largest food rescue and distribution organization in the community. Mainsail actively supports the cause through a variety of employee and guest programs ranging from packing and sorting at the warehouse, to annual events such as the Epic Chef Showdown. Learn more at MainsailHotels.com.