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CHRIS ROPKO JOINS MCNEILL HOTEL COMPANY AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Germantown, TN, March 19, 2018 – McNeill Hotel Company, a growing nationally-recognized hotel owner, developer, and manager, announced today that it has hired respected industry executive Chris Ropko to serve as the company’s Chief Financial Officer. Phillip McNeill, CEO of McNeill Hotel Company, made the announcement.

Prior to joining McNeill, Ropko served as Managing Director at RobertDouglas, a national hospitality investment banking platform, where he focused on structuring and raising debt and equity capital for lodging and specialty leisure properties, portfolios and companies throughout the Americas in excess of \$2.5 billion.

Ropko’s extensive career also includes time spent as a Portfolio Manager and Commercial Real Estate Specialist at PIMCO and with Goldman Sachs where he focused on acquisitions and asset management almost exclusively in the hospitality sector on behalf of the Whitehall series of private equity funds. Most notably, Ropko helped build out Whitehall’s limited service hospitality acquisitions, asset, and property management platforms, including the privatization of Equity Inns.

Commenting on the addition of Ropko to the McNeill Hotel Company team, McNeill said, “Chris is an accomplished, seasoned professional and we are fortunate to be in a position where we can add someone with his credentials and industry relationships to our growing organization. He will be an integral member of the executive team in the months and years to come as we continue to develop and execute a plan of strategic growth and expansion.”

Rob Stiles, Principal and Managing Director of Robert Douglas, added “Chris’s deep experience on all sides of the hotel investment space will serve the McNeill Hotel Company platform well.”

About McNeill Hotel Company

Headquartered in Germantown, Tennessee, McNeill Hotel Company focuses on select service hotels with a growth strategy based on a mix of new hotel development, meaningful

acquisitions and third party management agreements. The company is an approved franchisee for both Marriott and Hilton. Phillip McNeill, Jr and Mark Ricketts, the company's principals, are 2nd generation hoteliers with over 60 years of combined institutional experience in the hotel industry, encompassing nearly every discipline of the business.