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**Strand Hospitality Services Adds to Sales Team at the
Courtyard by Marriott Columbus West**

(Columbus, Ohio) April 28, 2017- Strand Hospitality Services recently announced that Abbie Gillespie and Corina Pierce have joined the sales team at the Courtyard Columbus West as Sales Managers. Both will assist in the day-to-day sales and marketing efforts of the newly renovated hotel located at 2350 Westbelt Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

"We are thrilled to add Abbie and Corina to our sales team here at the Courtyard Columbus West," said General Manager Colleen Prochaska. "They are both very experienced in customer service, hospitality as well as event planning and I am confident they will play key roles in the success of the hotel."

Pierce, was promoted from her position as a Guest Service Associate/Night Auditor at the Courtyard Columbus West. Prior to Corina's positions at the Courtyard, she was a Business Developer/Regional Event Planner for the Hope Foundation Northeast in Pittsburg, PA, where she was responsible for creating sales targets focusing on community needs, soliciting Fortune 500 companies to increase the foundations presence and capital, as well as determining appropriate sales strategies in all market segments in hopes of maximizing the hotel revenues. Corina graduated from Clark Atlanta University with a degree in Mass Communications.

Gillespie, most recently worked as a Recruiter for StellaStone Inc. where she led staffing efforts with hiring managers to build a stronger workforce for local companies. Prior to her recruiting role, Abbie worked as an Assistant Manager for a fast-paced retail store

where she was responsible for training staff, preparing sales and customer relations reports as well as categorizing sales information. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism, Leisure, and Event Planning from Bowling Green State University.

About Strand Hospitality: With headquarters shared between Charlotte and Myrtle Beach. Strand also has operations in Atlanta. Founded more than 45 years ago, the company began as a developer/owner of full-service Holiday Inns, gradually moving into third-party management. Today with over 30 high-quality hotels in its management portfolio, the company continues to grow through development, joint ventures and third-party management. It specializes in two to four-star hotel segments and is approved to operate hotels under all the leading hotel brand families including; Marriott, Hilton, Starwood, Wyndham, Choice and IHG.
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