



## Apple Hospitality REIT Recognizes Top Performers with Apple Awards

**RICHMOND, Va. (March 31, 2026)** – Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (NYSE: APLE) (the “Company” or “Apple Hospitality”) today announced recipients of the Company’s 2025 Apple Awards. The winners were chosen for their outstanding contributions in 2025.

“Apple Hospitality REIT would not be what it is today without the dedication and hospitality the management teams and associates at our hotels extend to our guests each and every day,” commented Justin Knight, Chief Executive Officer of Apple Hospitality. “In addition to providing outstanding accommodations and service, our teams also work to deliver strong bottom-line performance across a variety of market conditions. Each year, we are honored to recognize our highest performing management company with the Management Company of the Year Award, highlight our top hotel performers with our Shining Apple Awards, and recognize associates with Apple Awards for their unwavering spirit to serve our guests, to lead by example and to positively impact their communities. We are incredibly grateful for our management companies and the associates at our hotels for their steadfast commitment to hospitality and excellence and look forward to reaching even greater heights together.”

### **Management Company of the Year and Shining Apple Awards**

Recipients of Apple Hospitality’s Management Company of the Year and Shining Apple Awards are selected based on balanced scorecard metrics, which measure the performance of each hotel across all facets of a hotel’s operations, including, but not limited to, financial metrics, relative market share performance and guest service scores. Each management company and individual hotel is ranked according to their scores. The Company utilizes the balanced scorecard metrics to benchmark and share best practices across its hotels to maximize portfolio performance. The Company is honored to present the following Apple Awards:

- **2025 Management Company of the Year Award – NCG Hospitality.** This award is presented to the management company that ranks the highest among Apple Hospitality’s third-party management companies based on balanced scorecard metrics for the full year. NCG Hospitality is the winner of the 2025 Management Company of the Year Award for outstanding achievements on all key measures of performance throughout the year, marking the sixth time NCG Hospitality has received this award since the inception of Apple Hospitality’s Management Company of the Year Award in 2010. NCG Hospitality, based in Middleton, Wisconsin, currently manages 14 of the Company’s hotels.
- **2025 Annual Shining Apple Award – Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Charlotte Matthews.** This award is presented to the hotel ranking the highest among the Company’s hotels based on balanced scorecard metrics for the full year. The Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Charlotte Matthews is the recipient of the 2025 Annual Shining Apple Award for consistency in excellence across all performance metrics, including strong bottom-line performance for the year. The property delivered strong full-year performance, achieving STR RevPAR Index growth of 11% year-over-year and finishing above its budgeted STR RevPAR rank. Additionally, the hotel maintained its focus on guest experience and scored well above the brand benchmarks throughout the year. The Company’s Fairfield Inn & Suites in Charlotte, North Carolina, is managed by Newport Hospitality Group and led by General Manager James Childress.

- **2025 Quarterly Shining Apple Awards.** Apple Hospitality is pleased to present Quarterly Shining Apple Awards to the hotels with the highest ranking for the quarter based on balanced scorecard metrics.
  - **First Quarter 2025 Shining Apple Awards –**
    - **Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles Burbank Airport.** The Company’s Courtyard in Burbank, California, is managed by Huntington Hotel Group and led by General Manager Colleen Langford.
    - **Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Charlotte Matthews.** The Company’s Fairfield Inn & Suites in Charlotte, North Carolina, is managed by Newport Hospitality Group and led by General Manager James Childress.
    - **Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Twinsburg.** The Company’s Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio, is managed by Concord Hospitality and led by General Manager Matthew Nash.
  - **Second Quarter 2025 Shining Apple Awards –**
    - **Embassy Suites by Hilton Anchorage.** The Company’s Embassy Suites in Anchorage, Alaska, is managed by InnVentures and is led by General Manager Kate Sprout Bailey.
    - **Hilton Garden Inn Hoffman Estates.** The Company’s Hilton Garden Inn in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, is managed by HHM Hotels and led by General Manager Sara LoCoco.
    - **TownePlace Suites by Marriott Tucson Williams Centre.** The Company’s TownePlace Suites in Tucson, Arizona, is managed by Texas Western Hospitality and led by General Manager Shantell Moreno.
  - **Third Quarter 2025 Shining Apple Awards –**
    - **Homewood Suites by Hilton Denton.** The Company’s Homewood Suites in Denton, Texas, is managed by Chartwell Hospitality and is led by General Manager Emily Wright.
    - **Hilton Garden Inn Madison Downtown.** The Company’s Hilton Garden Inn in Madison, Wisconsin, is managed by Raymond Management Company and is led by General Manager Dan Hance.
    - **Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale North/Perimeter Center.** The Company’s Hilton Garden Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona, is managed by NCG Hospitality and led by General Manager Nicholas Bermudez.
  - **Fourth Quarter 2025 Shining Apple Awards –**
    - **Home2 Suites by Hilton Jacksonville, NC.** The Company’s Home2 Suites in Jacksonville, North Carolina, is managed by LBA Hospitality and led by General Manager Tina Wilson.
    - **Hilton Garden Inn Minneapolis / Maple Grove.** The Company’s Hilton Garden Inn in Maple Grove, Minnesota, is managed by NCG Hospitality and led by General Manager Curtis Wilcox.

### **2025 Apple Award Winners**

Apple Hospitality’s 2025 Apple Awards are presented to five hotel associates in recognition of their exceptional hospitality and service. These management company team members look for ways to contribute beyond their primary areas of responsibility; they are regularly recognized by guests for being helpful, welcoming, professional, caring and empathetic; and they exhibit leadership in acts both large and small. They consistently make a positive impact at their hotels and in the communities their hotels serve, inspiring others to do the same. The recipients of Apple Hospitality’s 2025 Apple Awards are as follows:

- **Cristina Bassoff**—Cristina serves as Front Desk Associate at the Hyatt Place Greenville Downtown in Greenville, South Carolina, which is managed by Crestline Hotels & Resorts. Cristina delivers incomparable service to every guest she encounters and brightens everyone’s day with her jovial and cheerful presence. She also is a strong

team member by supporting everyone on her team, serving as a caring leader on each shift and having a positive attitude. Cristina can single-handedly change the overall mood in the lobby no matter what is going on. She is consistently mentioned and praised in guest reviews for her exceptional customer service. With a ready smile, Cristina embodies the spirit of hospitality with her enthusiasm, positivity and dedication.

- **Amber Cashman**—Amber serves as Chief Engineer at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott Pensacola in Pensacola, Florida, which is managed by McKibbon Hospitality. Amber joined the hotel in 2021 as a Housekeeper with no prior hospitality experience, and from the beginning, she approached her role with energy, pride and an unmistakable work ethic. Less than a year later, she transitioned into a Front Desk Representative role, where she embraced every opportunity to learn and cross-train. In 2023, she became Assistant Chief Engineer, and then in 2024, she was promoted to Chief Engineer, a role in which she has excelled. Her journey from Housekeeping to Chief Engineer stands as a strong example of growth, perseverance and commitment to hospitality. Amber's commitment to service extends beyond the hotel, volunteering with United Way's Day of Caring, the Ronald McDonald House and The Arc of Pensacola. Her passion for her team, her property, her community and her personal development is evident in everything she does.
- **Tom Johnson**—Tom serves as Houseperson and Driver at the Courtyard by Marriott Philadelphia Valley Forge/Collegeville, in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, which is managed by Newport Hospitality Group. Since joining the hotel in 2012, Tom has been a constant source of heart, stability and excellence. Over the years, he has developed skills in virtually every department from cleaning rooms to working night audit to supporting maintenance, seamlessly transitioning wherever he is needed most. Beyond the many roles he fills, Tom cares deeply about the health of the hotel as a whole, regularly asking thoughtful questions about daily activity, budget goals and overall operational performance. Tom leads with heart, works with relentless dedication and has helped define what exceptional hospitality looks like for the past 14 years.
- **Kermit Mullins**—Kermit formerly served as Chief Engineer at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Knoxville at Turkey Creek, in Knoxville, Tennessee, which is managed by McKibbon Hospitality. Kermit joined McKibbon Hospitality in 2007 and has consistently demonstrated leadership and commitment to his work, rising through the ranks and ultimately advancing to the role of Chief Engineer. Although Kermit officially retired from his full-time role in January 2026, he now works to assist the property on an as-needed basis and help train and mentor new Chief Engineers, both locally and throughout McKibbon Hospitality's portfolio. Kermit's dedication is reflected in everything he touches. He takes immense pride in his work and sets an outstanding example for his team. He shines as a teacher, sharing his extensive knowledge and inspiring those around him with his passion for his work. His unwavering dedication, meticulous attention to detail and passion for mentoring has made him an invaluable member of his team.
- **Devin Riley**—Devin serves as Front Desk Associate at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Davenport in Davenport, Iowa, which is managed by Chartwell Hospitality. Devin is a person of character, determination, and, most importantly, a person of heart, and through her years at the hotel, has always challenged herself to grow. When the nearby indoor sports complex opened, she took a proactive role in managing the group reservations. Since 2021, she has worked with the Director of Sales and entered over 2,000 individual team reservations every year, monitored the housing website to ensure that last minute additions and changes are noted, and assisted the Assistant General Manager with billing and coordination of the business brought in from the sports complex. Devin is an ideal example of leadership, drive and integrity.

**About Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc.**

Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (NYSE: APLE) is a publicly traded real estate investment trust (“REIT”) that owns one of the largest and most diverse portfolios of upscale, rooms-focused hotels in the United States. Apple Hospitality’s portfolio consists of 217 hotels with approximately 29,600 guest rooms located in 84 markets throughout 37 states and the District of Columbia. Concentrated with industry-leading brands, the Company’s portfolio consists of 96 Marriott-branded hotels, 115 Hilton-branded hotels, five Hyatt-branded hotels and one independent hotel. For more information, please visit [www.applehospitalityreit.com](http://www.applehospitalityreit.com).

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