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## **CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO'S SHALIN PARIKH RECEIVES ASPIRING HOTELIER AWARD FROM THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA'S 2017 HALL OF FAME AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

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TORONTO – The Hotel Association of Canada (HAC) announced the winners of the 2017 Hall of Fame Awards of Excellence. HAC has recognized [Chelsea Hotel, Toronto](#)'s Shalin Parikh, Health & Wellness Manager, as the recipient of the 'Aspiring Hotelier Award.' This award was bestowed upon Mr. Parikh for outstanding leadership and contribution to employee health, wellness and engagement at Chelsea Hotel, Toronto.

"I couldn't be more proud of Shalin, as the recipient of this prestigious award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate him for his exceptional commitment to our employees," said Rob Housez, general manager, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto.

Some of Mr. Parikh's key accomplishments include: substantially raising the employee engagement survey participation; managing the hotel's environmental audit; Co-Chair, health and wellness committee and managing employee benefit program, to name a few.

The purpose of this award is to recognize the future generation of hospitality leaders. It is meant to acknowledge the exemplary accomplishments of our young stars. The Aspiring Hotelier award is presented to the individual who has made an outstanding contribution of leadership or who has taken initiative above and beyond their role and responsibility.

### **About the Hotel Association of Canada (HAC)**

The Hotel Association of Canada (HAC) is the leading voice of the Canadian Hotel & Lodging industry. For over 100 years, it has worked to enhance the prosperity of the Canadian Hotel and Lodging Industry through strong member engagement, effective advocacy, and the provision of value added programs and services. The Hotel Association represents more than 8,178 hotels, motels and resorts that encompass the \$18.4 billion Canadian hotel industry which employs 304,000 people across Canada. Please visit [hotelassociation.ca](http://hotelassociation.ca).

## About the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto

As Canada's largest hotel with 1,590 guest rooms, the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, is centrally located and just steps from the city's best shopping districts, world-class theatres, vibrant nightlife and exciting attractions. A full-service urban resort, the Chelsea Hotel has room types to suit everyone and the hotel offers three restaurants, separate adult and family recreation areas and pools – including the "Corkscrew" - downtown Toronto's only indoor waterslide. As a premier family destination, the hotel offers a full range of services including the Family Fun Zone, Kid Centre and Club 33 Teen Lounge. The Chelsea Hotel, Toronto is an independent property as part of the [Langham Hospitality Group's](#) international portfolio of hotels and resorts. The Chelsea is proud to be honoured with the Accessible Tourism Award with the Travel Industry Association of Ontario and the Humanitarian Award with the Hotel Association of Canada. For more information about the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, please log on to [www.chelseatoronto.com](http://www.chelseatoronto.com)

