

The Garden City Hotel Awarded Prestigious AAA Four- Diamond Status

Garden City, New York, September, 2016) – Over the course of its long and illustrious history, The Garden City Hotel has garnered many awards and accolades which have established it as Long Island's preeminent hotel and event venue, and you can now add another to that list. The Garden City Hotel has just been named a recipient of the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Rating, an achievement which distinguishes the hotel by inclusion on listing of less than 6% of the nearly 28,000 properties approved by AAA throughout North America and alongside such famed quintessential American luxury hotels as the St. Regis, Waldorf-Astoria, The Carlyle and The Plaza.

When Morris Moinian, President and Owner of Fortuna Realty Group purchased The Garden City Hotel in September 2012, hotel industry veteran J. Grady Colin was personally requested by Mr. Moinian take the reins of the property and work closely with him through the revitalization of the physical structure and direct the re-positioning of Long Island's most iconic hotel. This began with an extensive \$35 Million renovation of its 269 guest rooms and suites, upgrading and carefully renewing the entire property. Enhancements were carried out in meticulously planned phases and included the additions of acclaimed Polo Steakhouse and lounge, a flagship Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa within a 7,000 square foot lower level complex which also houses a heated pool and state of the art fitness center. The Hotel retooled its food and beverage operations and recruited top culinary, catering and bar experts to their management team and later opened the popular outdoor Patio Bar. In just four years under Colin's stewardship, the Hotel has now earned one of the most prestigious distinctions in the hospitality industry making it Long Island's only full service luxury hotel.

Meeting guest's expectations today requires far more than a beautifully appointed hotel with a long list of amenities, core elements of GCH. It's our ability to consistently provide intuitive and adaptive service at a luxury level that distinguishes GCH. Individual travelers and our corporate group clients look to us for an experience that is indicative of who they are and the high standards by which they live. We really made two significant investments. One in the hotel asset itself and one in our service. That latter is an ongoing commitment to recruiting great people, constant training and adjusting to suit our guest's needs and desires". Said Grady Colin, General Manager of The Garden City Hotel.

AAA is North America's longest standing professional hotel inspection, conducting in depth traveler advisory reports since 1957 (validate.) To be considered for approval and rating by AAA, hotels and restaurants that meet AAA members' basic hotel and restaurant requirements must first apply for an evaluation. If the application is accepted, an AAA evaluator will visit the establishment. Evaluations are unannounced to ensure that AAA professionals experience a hotel or restaurant just as a guest would. After a thorough and rigorous inspection is conducted, establishments that meet AAA's criteria a formal internal review process occurs before becoming AAA Approved — indicating their ability to provide a quality experience for members. Next, each AAA Approved hotel and restaurant is assigned a AAA rating of one to five Diamonds, indicating the level of services and amenities provided. According to AAA, the Four Diamond Award status, which was awarded to The Garden City Hotel , means that the property is "upscale in all areas," with "accommodations (that) are refined and stylish (and) the physical attributes reflect enhanced quality throughout. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail."

Whereas in an age of endless online review sites posting customer reviews for readers to discern when making travel plans, AAA remains the foremost source for individual travelers and professional planners for credible, consistently unbiased hotel research and ratings.

About The Garden City Hotel

The Garden City Hotel has welcomed guests with spacious guest rooms, luxurious suites and genuine hospitality. Our historic Long Island hotel has been a preferred destination for dignitaries and celebrities as well as business travelers, New York locals and visitors from around the globe. From post-Civil War beginnings to our present-day grandeur, The Garden City Hotel has proudly hosted the city's finest meetings and special events. Our first-class service is enhanced by timeless elegance and modern comforts include a state-of-the-art fitness center, The Red Door Spa, the acclaimed Polo Steakhouse, 30,000 square feet of versatile event and meeting space and much more. For additional information, visit www.gardencityhotel.com.

About Fortuna Realty Group

Fortuna Realty Group, LLC (FRG) is a privately held real Manhattan-based estate investment and development company, founded in 1984 by Morris Moinian. The firm continues to expand its footprint by acquiring and developing assets and engages in select strategic partnerships for value-add and opportunistic investments throughout the United States, specializing in high-end hotel and real estate assets. Fortuna Realty Group's holdings include Hotel Hugo and the Hotel

Indigo in Manhattan; The Garden City Hotel on Long Island; in partnership of Mr. C in Beverly Hills; Sugar Bay Resort and Spa in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. and Revolve, a dynamic indoor cycling experience designed for fitness enthusiasts seeking a fun and challenging full-body workout, with locations in New York City and Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit www.fortunarealtygroup.com.

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