

FORWARD[®]

Women Advancing Hospitality

MAY 4-5, 2023
SWISSOTEL CHICAGO ~ CHICAGO, IL

THURSDAY, MAY 4

9:00 - 11:00 am **ForWard Advisory Committee Meeting** (*invitation only*)
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11:15 am - 12:30 pm **ForWard Advisory Committee & Ambassador Lunch** (*invitation only*)
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11:00 am - 6:30 pm **Registration**
Zurich Foyer

1:00 - 3:00 pm **ForWard General Session**
Zurich Ballroom

Welcome to ForWard Momentum

Anna Blue, President, AHLA Foundation
Chip Rogers, President & CEO, AHLA

Leader Spotlight: Julie Arrowsmith, CEO, G6 Hospitality
Conversation with **Chip Rogers**

Hotel Operations Unpacked

Jale Hashimi, Divisional VP of Operations - Independent and Lifestyle Division,
Remington Hotel Corporation
Vera Manoukian, Chief Operating Officer, Sonesta International Hotels
Linda Theisen, Vice President, Americas, Hilton Supply Management
Elizabeth Uber, COO, Extended Stay America
Moderated by: **Amanda Hite**, President, STR

Mentorship Match – Success Stories of the Foundation Mentorship Program

Dayna Kully, Co-Founder, 5thGenWireless and **Madison Austrich**, Business Analytics
Manager, Aimbridge Hospitality

Malaika Myers, Chief HR Officer, Hyatt Hotels Corporation & ForWard Advisory
Committee Vice Chair, and **Connie McCauslin**, Managing Director, Communications &
PR, G6 Hospitality

Moderated by: Jennifer Clark Fugolo, Vice President, Advancement, AHLA Foundation

3:00 - 3:35 pm **Networking Break**
Zurich Foyer

3:35 - 5:00 pm **ForWard General Session Resumes**
Zurich Ballroom

Outstanding Service: General Managers Weigh In

Iris Junge, General Manager, The Gwen, A Luxury Collection Hotel

Leydi Naranjo General Manager, The Buckingham Hotel

JoAnn L. Wrenn, General Manager, The Logan Hotel

Moderator: **Shelley Meszoly**, Area General Manager, 21c Museum Hotels & Chair, AHLA GM Roundtable

Leader Spotlight: Sheila Johnson, Founder and CEO, Salamander Hotels & Resorts
Conversation with **Chip Rogers**

ForWard Together: Actions Advancing Our Industry

Nigel Barker, CEO, StudioNB Inc.

Rod Clough, MAI, President, HVS Americas, HVS

Michael George, Founder, President & CEO, Crescent Hotels & Resorts & AHLA Board of Directors Member

Justin Knight, President & CEO, Apple Hospitality REIT & Immediate Past Chair, AHLA Board of Directors

Moderated by: **Anna Blue**, President, AHLA Foundation

Closing Remarks

Mari Sifo, Executive Vice President & Chief HR Officer, Host Hotels & Resorts

5:00 - 6:30 pm ForWard Networking Reception – Presented by Host Hotels & Resorts
Vevey Ballroom, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am - 1:30 pm Registration
Zurich Foyer

7:45 – 9:00 am Breakfast Available
Zurich Foyer

8:30 - 9:50 am ForWard General Session
Zurich Ballroom

Leader Spotlight: LaVerne H. Council, Chief Executive Officer, Emerald One, LLC
Conversation with **Anna Blue**

Pioneering Women: The Future of Tech

Tara Higgins, Senior Vice President, Commercial & President, Hargrove, Encore

Keryn McNamara, Senior Vice President, Hotel Technology, Aimbridge Hospitality

Kim Twiggs, AVP, Product Development, DIRECTV

Monica Xuereb, Chief Commercial Officer, Loews Hotels & Co.

Moderator: **Anupama Sharma**, Senior Vice President, Technology & Delivery, Actabl

Keynote: Out of the Game: Trafficking Survivor Talks Trauma & Redemption
Rebecca Bender: Trafficking Survivor & Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative

10:10 – 11:00 am Breakout Sessions
Vevey Ballroom, 2nd Floor

- 1. First Step ForWard: A Masterclass in Hotel Ownership**
Interested in ownership? Not sure where to start? Your questions, answered.
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Stacey Nadolny, Senior Vice President, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
Tracy L. Prigmore, Managing Partner, TLTsolutions + She Has a Deal

2. Prioritizing Personal Finance, Part 1: Rising Leaders

A new car? Your first house? Your finances, demystified for rising leaders.

Vevey 3

Dominique Broadway, CEO, Finances Demystified

3. Playing Your Part: No Room for Trafficking Training

On either side of a hotel's front desk, everyone shares the responsibility to end human trafficking.

Vevey 4

Yvonne Chen, Director of Private Sector Engagement, ECPAT-USA

Eliza McCoy, Vice President, Awareness & Prevention Programs, AHLA Foundation

11:20 am - 12:10 pm ForWard Breakout Sessions

Vevey Ballroom, 2nd Floor

1. Collaborative Conversations Around Workplace Culture

Interactive roundtable discussions on work-life balance, pay equity, DEI and more.

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Laisha Dismuke, Vice President, Human Resources and Administration, AHLA

2. Prioritizing Personal Finance, Part 2: Industry Veterans

College tuition? Retirement on the horizon? Your finances, demystified for industry veterans.

Vevey 3

Dominique Broadway, CEO, Finances Demystified

3. Driving Diversity – Hospitality Careers

Industry opportunities that should be on your radar.

Vevey 4

Thomas C. Morey, EVP & Chief Investment Officer, Park Hotels & Resorts

Eva Wasserman, Senior Managing Partner, GEM Realty Capital

Moderated by: **Ann Fastiggi**, Consultant, Spencer Stuart

12:10 - 12:30 pm

Networking Break

Zurich Foyer

12:30- 1:30 pm

ForWard Closing Luncheon: Owning Your Own Power

Zurich Ballroom

Jessica O. Matthews, Innovator & CEO, Uncharted

1:30 pm

Closing Remarks & Invitation to ForWard 2024

Malaika Myers, Chief HR Officer, Hyatt Hotels Corporation & ForWard Advisory
Committee Vice Char