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REFINERY HOTEL WINS IIDA'S 41ST INTERIOR DESIGN COMPETITION

New York, March 2014 – Stonehill & Taylor is the proud winner of International Interior Design Association's 41st Interior Design Competition with their design of Refinery Hotel in NYC, a lifestyle luxury hotel that opened on May 16, 2013. The annual international competition celebrates outstanding, innovative Interior Design/Interior Architecture that encourages new ideas and techniques in the design and furnishing of interior spaces.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized by the IIDA. Refinery Hotel displays the strength of both our architecture and design teams, working hand in hand to create a new experience and destination in New York City's Fashion District," said Paul Taylor, President of Stonehill & Taylor.

The competition's judging panel reviewed a breadth of submissions from a variety of design disciplines. Jurors included David Darling, IIDA (Founding Partner, Aidlin Darling Designs), Ed Bakos (Managing Director, Champalimaud); Ray Eshcheid, Affiliate IIDA (Senior Vice President of Store Design and Merchandising, Bank of America Corporation); and Alessandro Munge, IIDA (Principal and Managing Partner, Munge Leung).

Refinery Hotel is a revival of the historic Colony Arcade Building, a 12-story millinery factory built in 1912 in New York City's Fashion District. At that time, the street-level storefronts were occupied by a chic hat retailer and tea salon, while arduous millinery work occurred in the upper factory floors. The design team embraced this duality as a source of aesthetic tension, giving a polished look to the lobby, and an industrial aesthetic to the upper floors. The 197-room boutique hotel also features a year-round rooftop bar that offers cinematic views of the Empire State Building and midtown Manhattan. In the hotel's lobby, guests can relax and enjoy artisanal cocktails in Winnie's, a bar named after Winifred T. McDonald, an original tenant who ran a bustling tea salon on the entry floor.

Refinery Hotel's design is also a winner of: Gold Key Award for Excellence in Hospitality Design and Interior Design's Best of Year Merit Award for Best Domestic Hotel. The hotel has also earned international recognition on TripAdvisor as one of the Top 25 Hotels in the United States and one of the 10 Hottest New Hotels in the World, U.S. News & World Report's List of the Best Hotels in New York City and Travel + Leisure's "It List" 2014 of Best New Hotels Around the World.

Architecture & Design Team

Principals in Charge: Paul Taylor (president), Michael Suomi (principal and VP of design) and Christina Zimmer (principal)

Project Designer: Carmen Koller (associate)

Project Architect: Stephanie Liu, Associate, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

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Architectural Project Team: Marlon Fernandez , Paul Weremchuk (associate), Paris Swann, Nanette Milner

Interior Design Project Team: Ariana Holland and Andrea Creighton

About Stonehill & Taylor

Stonehill & Taylor is an architecture and interior design firm based in New York City. With primary specialization in hospitality, healthcare, research and academic institutions, the firm uses a collaborative approach to produce unique design stories. The firm's successful projects range from interior design to architecture, new building construction, historic preservation and renovations, including: The Ace Hotel, NoMad Hotel, Crosby Street Hotel, Hilton New York, Novotel Times Square and Refinery Hotel. Stonehill & Taylor is at the forefront of sustainable design, developing projects that are responsible and conscious of their impact on local communities and the world. The firm designed the first LEED Gold hotel in New York, The Crosby Street Hotel, another with The NoMad and was responsible for the most recent renovation of Hyatt Regency Minneapolis using locally-made goods. For more information about the company, visit: www.stonehilltaylor.com

About Refinery Hotel

Refinery Hotel opened on May 16, 2013 and is the newest hotel in New York's Fashion District on 38th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. Originally built as a high-end millinery factory and tea salon in 1912, Refinery's design draws on the building's past combining raw elegance in the guestrooms with refined public spaces. This 197-room hotel includes fashion-forward loft-like guestrooms featuring custom furniture, original artwork, industrial-chic design, 12-foot high ceilings, Frette linens, and a 24-hour fitness center. A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World™, the property also hosts Parker & Quinn, an American bistro, Winnie's, the lobby lounge and a stunning 3,500-square-foot indoor/outdoor rooftop lounge with views of the Empire State Building. Rates start at \$459. www.refineryhotelnewyork.com