



William F. Hagerty Joins Ryman Hospitality Properties Board of Directors

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 29, 2016-- William F. Hagerty, IV, Co-Founder and Managing Director of private equity investment firm Hagerty, Peterson & Company, LLC, has joined the Board of Directors of Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (NYSE:RHP) effective February 25, 2016.

Mr. Hagerty's election follows a Board vote during its meeting held on February 25, 2016. With this addition, the Ryman Hospitality Properties Board of Directors will expand to ten members. Mr. Hagerty will serve on the Board's Audit Committee.

"I am extremely pleased to have Bill join the Ryman Hospitality Properties Board and believe he will be a valuable addition," said Colin V. Reed, chairman and chief executive officer of Ryman Hospitality Properties. "With his decades of private equity experience and his deep involvement in the Tennessee business community, Bill brings a unique perspective to the challenges and opportunities we face today. I am confident his presence will benefit our Company moving forward."

Mr. Hagerty joins the current Ryman Hospitality Properties Board of Directors, which is comprised of:

- Michael J. Bender, COO, Global E-Commerce, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- E. K. Gaylord II, President, Eleven Sands Exploration and Chairman, E.K. Capital
- D. Ralph Horn, Chairman of the Board (Retired), First Horizon National Corp. and First Tennessee Bank, National Association
- Ellen R. Levine, Editorial Director, Hearst Magazines
- Patrick Q. Moore, Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy and Corporate Development Officer, YP Holdings
- Robert S. Prather, Jr., President and CEO, Heartland Media, LLC
- Colin V. Reed, Chairman and CEO, Ryman Hospitality Properties
- Michael D. Rose, Chairman, Midaro Investments
- Michael I. Roth, Chairman and CEO, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.

Mr. Hagerty is currently Co-Founder and Managing Director, Hagerty Peterson and Company, a private equity investment firm. From 2011 until January 2015, Mr. Hagerty served in Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam's cabinet as Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Cabinet post charged with jobs, capital investment and economic growth for the State of Tennessee. In that role, he was also responsible for the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission and chaired the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation.

From 1996 until January of 2011, Mr. Hagerty served as Co-Founder and Managing Director of Hagerty Peterson and Company. He began his career with The Boston Consulting Group where his work spanned five continents. He was also Senior Expatriate in the firm's Tokyo office when he took leave to serve on the White House staff under President George H.W. Bush. He then launched his career in private equity with Trident Capital prior to co-founding Hagerty Peterson and Company in 1996. He presently serves on the boards of Pinnacle Bank (PNFP) and RenaissanceRe (RNR).

Mr. Hagerty is a Tennessee native and earned his bachelor's degree in economics and juris doctor degree from Vanderbilt University.

About Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.

Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (NYSE: RHP) is a REIT for federal income tax purposes, specializing in group-oriented, destination hotel assets in urban and resort markets. The Company's owned assets include a network of four upscale, meetings-focused resorts totaling 7,795 rooms that are managed by lodging operator Marriott International, Inc. under the Gaylord Hotels brand. Other owned assets managed by Marriott International, Inc. include Gaylord Springs Golf Links, the Wildhorse Saloon, the General Jackson Showboat, The Inn at Opryland, a 303-room overflow hotel adjacent to Gaylord Opryland and AC Hotel Washington, DC at National Harbor, a 192-room hotel near Gaylord National. The Company also owns and operates media and entertainment assets, including the Grand Ole Opry (opry.com), the legendary weekly showcase of country music's finest performers for 90 years; the Ryman Auditorium, the storied former home of the Grand Ole Opry located in downtown Nashville; and 650 AM WSM, the Opry's radio home. For additional information about Ryman Hospitality Properties, visit www.rymanhp.com.

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