Over 1,000 Choice-Branded Hotels Receive Coveted 2020 Travelers' Choice Award

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 3, 2020 /<u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- Over 1,000 hotels franchised globally by <u>Choice Hotels International, Inc.</u> (NYSE: CHH) were named 2020 Travelers' Choice award winners by Tripadvisor. These hotels, which span the <u>Ascend Hotel Collection</u>, <u>Cambria</u> <u>Hotels</u>, <u>Comfort</u>, <u>Sleep Inn</u>, <u>Quality Inn</u>, <u>Clarion</u>, <u>MainStay Suites</u>, <u>Econo Lodge</u> and <u>Rodeway</u> <u>Inn</u> brands, were selected based on the quality and quantity of millions of guest reviews, opinions and ratings collected on Tripadvisor last year. Award winners rank among the top 10% of hospitality businesses on the travel platform, which includes over 2.3 million accommodations globally.

"With over 1,000 of our portfolio selected as Travelers' Choice award winners, including hotels across all segments in which we franchise properties – from economy to upscale – it truly means a lot that guests recognize our brands for offering superior customer service and one-of-a-kind experiences," said Sarah Searls, chief customer officer, Choice Hotels. "As guests continue to return to travel, we look forward to upholding these high standards and providing memorable stays for any occasion."

The global breakdown of Choice Hotels' 2020 Travelers' Choice award winners by brand is as follows:

- Ascend Hotel Collection: 88
- Cambria Hotels: 29
- Comfort: 458
- Sleep Inn: 90
- Quality Inn: 200
- Clarion: 91
- MainStay Suites: 11
- Econo Lodge: 29
- Rodeway Inn: 11

Comfort, which received the highest number of Travelers' Choice awards among all Choice Hotels brands, recently underwent a multi-year, \$2.5 billion transformation in partnership with its franchisees, which has fortified the brand's position as a leader in the upper midscale segment with a modern refresh of the portfolio. Also of note, Cambria Hotels received the highest percentage of awards among the Choice portfolio, with over 56% of its portfolio being named Travelers' Choice award winners, reaffirming guests' interest in and satisfaction with the brand, thanks in part to continued investment from developers that has fueled the Cambria's expansion in top destinations.

"Winners of the 2020 Travelers' Choice Awards should be proud of this distinguished recognition," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "Although it's been a challenging year for travel and hospitality, we want to celebrate our partners' achievements. Award winners are beloved for their exceptional service and quality. Not only are these winners well deserving, they are also a great source of inspiration for travelers as the world begins to venture out again."

Choice Hotels guests can participate in the award-winning Choice Privileges loyalty program, rated a top hotel loyalty program by both *USA Today's* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards and *U.S. News & World Report.* Choice Privileges membership is free and offers fast rewards and exclusive member rates for those who book directly at <u>www.choicehotels.com</u>.

All Choice-branded hotels are participating in *Commitment to Clean*, an initiative that builds upon the strong foundation of franchisees' longstanding dedication to cleanliness with enhanced training and best practices for cleaning, disinfecting and social distancing. For

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