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Connect Recognizes Corporate Meeting Professionals in 40 Under 40

ATLANTA, March 1, 2017— Forty young professionals under the age of 40 were recognized as industry leaders in Connect Corporate magazine's 40 Under 40 feature in the spring 2017 issue. Individual profiles can be found at corporate.connectmeetings.com/2017-40-under-40. Connect Corporate is a national B2B print and digital magazine providing resources and ideas to planners and suppliers in the corporate meetings industry.

Nominations were received from around the world, then reviewed and evaluated by Connect Corporate's editorial staff based on references, achievements, industry involvement and other attributes. An annual feature in Connect Corporate, 40 Under 40 is not driven by advertising or connected with any promotional contest. It is simply designed to honor young leaders who have earned respect from industry professionals and media.

"The individuals represented in our annual 40 Under 40 are the future of the corporate meetings industry," said Chris Collinson, president and CEO of Connect. "They, together with colleagues and industry partners, are elevating the profession and moving it forward."

2017 Winners:

Kerem Baran, Boomset
Shani Ben-Shlaush, CMP, Neustar Inc.
Stephen Bowles, Shoflo
Christopher Brislin, CASE, Providence Warwick CVB
Lindsay Buchanan, Travelink, American Express Travel
Tony Buhr, HMCC, Martiz Travel
Christina Campbell, ConferenceDirect
Megan Carlson, Hyatt
Jessica Cote, HRG North America, Volkswagen Group of America
Shannon DeSouza, MBET, Attendease
Chrissy Devenny, Dynamo Events
Heidi Goettemoeller, Aimia
Rae M. Hawkins, SYNEX Corporation
Rachel Hofstetter, Chatbooks
Chris Howard, Hyatt Regency Austin
Rachel Jarosz, Hagarty

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Belinda Joseph, xMatters
Julian Jost, Spacebase
Heather Kane, McDonald's Corporation
Jan Hoffmann Keining, Spacebase
Alexis Kereluk, ConnectSeven Group
Eric Kincaid, Destination DC
Sam McNeill, SongDivision U.K./Europe
Torrye Metoyer, P2 Energy Solutions
Rosa Garriga Mora, Kenes Group
Natalie Nemec, Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS)
Blair Owen, The Peabody
Greg Palomino, CRE8AD8
Vasiliki Papadaratsakis, Audible
Rachel Pavel, Abbott
Lauren Pontier, HelmsBriscoe
Storey Pryor, Isagenix International LLC
Ryan Rockenbaugh, Cars.com
Barrie Schwartz, My House NOLA
Jason Sick, Red Velvet Events
Patrick Smyton, Visit Seattle
CJ Sun, Marriott International
Nick Vanderkamp, HelmsBriscoe
Jennifer Lucio Vargas, 305 Communications and Events
Wendi Wang, CallidusCloud

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