## The Siena Hotel Autograph Collection Lands Hotel of the Year Award

--Four Diamond Hotel Secures Top Accolade for Autograph Collection in Americas --

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C.** – August 25, 2015 – <u>The Siena Hotel</u>, the Triangle's longest-standing AAA-rated Four Diamond hotel, secured the Hotel of the Year Award for the Autograph Collection in the Americas. Presented by Marriott International, this accolade recognizes only one Autograph Collection hotel in the Americas that demonstrates premiere service and a quality guest experience.

"We're humbled and thrilled to join the list of distinctive properties honored by this award," said Anthony Carey, general manager, The Siena Hotel. "The Siena offers an elegant European ambience coupled with regional Italian cooking at our Il Palio restaurant, which creates a memorable experience. We're excited to celebrate these offerings with our guests worldwide."

The prestigious Hotel of the Year Award for the Autograph Collection joins an impressive list of The Siena Hotel's accolades, including the Marriott Service Excellence Award and 19 consecutive Four Diamond awards from AAA. The Siena is ranked number one in Staff Service Overall in the Americas as well as one of the top hotels in Overall Guest Satisfaction for all full-service brands in the Marriott portfolio, including Ritz Carlton, JW Marriott and Renaissance brands. <u>Il Palio</u>, the hotel's premiere restaurant led by Chef Teddy Diggs, is North Carolina's only AAA-rated Four Diamond Italian restaurant and the longest-standing Four Diamond restaurant in the state.

"It was no contest in choosing The Siena Hotel to be the recipient of the Hotel of the Year award," said Bob Jones, regional vice president, Marriott. "Anthony Carey, Chef Teddy Diggs and the staff provide unparalleled service backed by premiere operational support to create an incredible guest experience."

The Autograph Collection Hotels are a Marriott brand of independent, one-of-a-kind properties across the globe. Each hotel has been selected for its originality, rich character and uncommon details. From iconic to chic and artsy to luxurious, the collection stands on the commitment to be nothing less than individually original, nothing short of collectively exceptional and "exactly like nothing else."

Inspired by the beauty of Italy and located in Chapel Hill, N.C., The Siena offers an elegant European escape with 79 luxury rooms, 4,000 square feet of special event space and unparalleled onsite dining at renowned Il Palio restaurant. Legendary hospitality and elegant European architecture coupled with innovative services has earned The Siena the Hotel of the Year Award for the Autograph Collection in the Americas by Marriott International. The Siena Hotel is nestled just 1.5 miles from the heart of Chapel Hill with a convenient 15-minute drive to RDU International Airport, Duke University and the Research Triangle Park. For more information or to make reservations, visit <u>www.sienahotel.com</u> or call 800-223-7379. Connect with The Siena Hotel at <u>www.facebook.com/TheSienaHotel</u>, <u>www.twitter.com/SienaHotel</u> or on Instagram at @TheSienaHotel.

Il Palio is an award-winning Italian dining destination in Chapel Hill, N.C. and the premiere restaurant of The Siena Hotel Autograph Collection. Consistently awarded Four Diamonds by AAA, Il Palio marries the traditional flavors of Italy with a casual elegance that showcases the culinary roots of rustic Italian cooking. Il Palio features wine from Italy's 20 regions and vintifications produced in every corner of the Italian Peninsula, a selection that earned Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence. Executive Chef Teddy Diggs brings robust training from the Culinary Institute of America along with rich national experience, including appointments in the Washington D.C. dining spotlight and tenure at Martha's Vineyard. Il Palio offers breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Sunday with a special brunch on Sundays. For more information, visit <u>www.sienahotel.com/il-palio</u> or call <u>800-223-7379</u>. Connect with Il Palio at <u>www.facebook.com/IlPalioRestaurant</u>, <u>www.twitter.com/Il\_Palio</u> or on Instagram at @Il\_Palio.



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