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**The Hamister Group, Inc. Names Fred Hazzan Controller
CPA will assist company's 14 business units in four states**

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK – The Hamister Group, Inc., a national leader in healthcare and hospitality management, announced that Fred Hazzan has joined the company as Controller.

Hazzan will oversee the accounting operation at the company's corporate headquarters, which provides support to The Hamister Group, Inc.'s 14 businesses located throughout the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. In addition to operational accounting support, Hazzan will also play a lead role in the budgeting process for the Hamister portfolio businesses.

"Fred is a key addition to our corporate leadership team," said W. Earl McCartney, Executive Vice President and CFO, The Hamister Group, Inc. "His background and experience will be an invaluable resource for our healthcare and hotel businesses as they continue to develop strategies to maximize their performance. Our company has developed a track record for bottom line success that will only be enhanced with Fred's contributions."

This year alone, The Hamister Group, Inc. earned a spot on the annual Inc. 5000 index, has been named one of the top 100 Hotel Management Companies in the United States and was recognized as one of the 50 fastest-growing companies in Western New York.

A Certified Public Accountant, Hazzan has held Controller and CFO positions with Western New York companies including, TAM Ceramics, Beauty Pools, Wiper Check and Mainline Companies. He has also supported several ERP/financial systems implementations and upgrades throughout his career.

Hazzan earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University at Buffalo. A resident of Amherst, he and his wife are the parents of two children.

The Hamister Group, Inc. is a national leader in healthcare and hotel management, with over 32 years of experience and a solid management portfolio in the eastern United States. The company has a proven record of superior management results and today employs nearly 1,000 co-workers at its facilities in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. The hotels and healthcare businesses managed by The Hamister Group, Inc. consistently achieve the highest honors in guest satisfaction and operations excellence. For more information, visit www.hamistergroup.com.