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**The Hamister Group, Inc. appoints new leadership at Louisville hotel  
*Smith, Pace to direct efforts at Kentucky property***

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK – The Hamister Group, Inc., a national leader in hospitality management, announces Ray Smith and Jessica Pace have joined the company as General Manager and Director of Sales respectively for their Sleep Inn & Suites Louisville property.

Smith has significant Choice Hotels experience, previously holding the dual role of Assistant General Manager and Director of Sales with the Comfort Inn & Suites Louisville Airport. Prior to his position at the Comfort Inn, Smith served as Director of Sales with James Hotels at their Louisville Best Western and Ramada Inn Riverside properties for nine years.

Working at Colonial Services in Louisville, Pace has served as the company's area Sales and Marketing Director where she managed the sales strategies and business development initiatives for the company as well as maintained the organization's website. Also, while pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Louisville, Jessica served as a Regional Representative with Clinique Cosmetics.

"We are delighted to have both Ray and Jessica as part of our team," said Niki Parris, Regional Director of Sales for The Hamister Group, Inc.'s Kentucky and Tennessee properties. "Not only do they represent the core values of The Hamister Group, but also have the ability to establish our Sleep Inn & Suites Louisville Airport as a service leader in the market."

This year alone, The Hamister Group, Inc. has been named one of the top 100 Hotel Management Companies in the United States and has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing companies in Western New York.

With over 32 years of experience and a solid management portfolio in the eastern United States, The Hamister Group, Inc. employs nearly 1,000 co-workers at its hospitality and health care facilities in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. For more information, visit [www.hamistergroup.com](http://www.hamistergroup.com).

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