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**Brown Nester Hospitality Services Arranges Multi-Brand Transaction Between
Vantage Hospitality Group and America's Best Franchising**
Vantage agrees to acquire ABF's hotel brands

(CLEVELAND, July 24, 2014) – Brown Nester Hospitality Services announced today that it arranged the acquisition of branding agreements for two hundred and twenty five hotels by Vantage Hospitality Group, Inc. Vantage has agreed to purchase the America's Best Inns & Suites[®], Country Hearth Inns & Suites[®], Jameson Inn[®], Jameson Suites[®], Signature Inn[®], and 3 Palms Hotels & Resortssm brands from America's Best Franchising, Inc., according to Brown Nester President Chuck Nester, CHB, CHA.

The principles of Brown Nester, with offices in California and Florida, carry on the proud tradition and success of being known as "The Most Trusted Name in Hotel Brokerage". Through decades of cultivated relationships and cutting-edge alliances, Brown Nester clients have unique opportunities to increase sales and improve operations, leading to increased asset value of their hotels.

"Earlier this year, the ABFI Board of Directors brought me in to evaluate the capacity to grow ABF and bring more value to our franchisees and our shareholders," said America's Best Franchising President & CEO Sterling Stoudenmire. "The ABFI team eagerly embarked on an immediate transformation of the company, its culture, and our products. Chuck Nester's assistance in brokering the deal with Vantage fit in beautifully with our goal of finding a strategic partner with the scale, resources and expertise necessary to compete – and win – in this demanding market...and to do so in a manner consistent with our 'owners first' philosophy."

"Chuck recognized that combining brands under the Vantage umbrella was aligned with our goal of continuously enhancing our competitive advantage with a full line of brand segments that address the needs of both hotel owners and consumers. This transaction will offer our members greater distribution, more marketing dollars and enhanced exposure, and additional revenue-generating programs and resources," said Vantage Founder, President & CEO Roger Bloss.

"After getting to know Roger and the Vantage corporate team, I have no doubt that they are the right fit for ABF. Their conviction to educate, not mandate, and their existing resources and programs will allow them to offer new opportunities to our property owners that will help them improve their bottom lines and position them to succeed in the long term," added Stoudenmire.

The terms of the transaction, which is expected to formally close later this year, are confidential.

About Brown Nester Hospitality Services, Inc.

For more than 66 years, the principals of Brown Nester Hospitality Services have specialized in buying and selling hotel properties. Building on this strong foundation of trust and expert knowledge, Brown Nester affiliated with Vantage Hospitality Group, Inc., the 8th largest hotel company worldwide, in 2011. Behind the well-known leadership of Chuck Nester, George E. Brown, and their associates, Brown Nester is known as “The Most Trusted Name in Hotel Brokerage” and, directly or with its affiliates, offers comprehensive services, including hotel brokerage, management, marketing, and revenue-generating programs. Visit www.BrownNester.com or call 805-496-9797 for more information.

About Vantage Hospitality Group, Inc.

Headquartered in Coral Springs, FL, Vantage Hospitality Group is the 8th largest hotel company worldwide with over 1,000 hotels independently owned and operated, and the only hotel company to be ranked on the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Inc. 500/5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies. Vantage Hospitality’s first hotel brand, Americas Best Value Inn, is a leader in the limited-service segment (including Value Inn Worldwide and Canadas Best Value Inn) throughout North America and is the world’s 10th largest hotel chain. Lexington by Vantage (including Lexington Inn, Lexington Hotel and Lexington Legacy) is Vantage’s midscale to upscale brand, with locations worldwide. Members of the Americas Best Value Inn and Lexington brands are eligible for expedited and streamlined SBA loan processing through the SBA’s Franchise Registry Program, information about which may be found at www.franchiseregistry.com. Vantage continues to grow through affiliations with Vantage Hotel Management (management and operations covering all brands and independent properties), Vantage Insurance Services (a full-service insurance agency specializing in insurance for the hospitality industry), and Brown Nester Hospitality Services (offering comprehensive hotel brokerage and related services). Visit www.JoinABVI.com, www.JoinLexington.com, www.VantageHospitality.com, www.VantageHotelManagement.com, www.VantageInsuranceServices.com or www.BrownNester.com for more information. Lexington franchises are offered by Lexington Franchising, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vantage Hospitality Group.