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**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
CALLS FOR FUTURE LEADER NOMINATIONS DECEMBER 17 THROUGH JANUARY 15**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Nov. 17, 2020 – The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation has opened nominations for Future Leaders who represent rising industry stars recognized for their leadership, personal growth, communications skills and commitment to the industry. The Foundation will select Future Leaders and facilitate vibrant discussions over dinner with inducted Hall of Fame members during the April 2021 High Point Market.

“In addition to honoring the exceptional leaders who have built our industry, we are focused on inspiring and encouraging a new class of leaders,” says Martin Ploy, president of the Foundation board of directors. “These small dinner settings, with just five future leaders and five Hall of Fame inductees, impart lifelong inspiration and significance to both the honorees as well as the inducted members of the Hall of Fame, who are equally interested in the views of emerging leaders.”

Each of the Future Leaders dinners will feature a guided discussion on leadership and innovation led by Steve Pond, the founder of *FurnitureToday*.

Nominations are open to individuals who are younger than 40 years old, an innovator, a leader among their peers, highly engaged with the industry as a long-term career, willing to join in discussion, and someone the company would like to encourage professionally. Past honorees have represented retail, home accents, case goods manufacturing, upholstery manufacturing, finance, furniture design, technology and sales, among other categories.

“Selection as a Future Leader is an outstanding honor,” he adds. “Our hope is that companies and individuals will nominate someone they would like to spotlight with this prestigious industry recognition.”

To nominate a Future Leader, complete the Nomination Form found on the website at www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021.

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The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded to preserve its history, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, and to inspire a new class of innovation and leadership. Membership includes eligibility to nominate candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, 92 percent of all funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization currently is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 202 Neal Place, Suite 101, and can be reached at 336.882.5900. Watch for ongoing developments and details about the grand opening of our permanent home, which is targeted for opening in 2022.

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