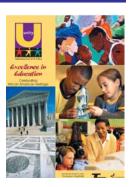
## Thompson Hospitality + Picture That, LLC = Unity

"Promoting Cultural Awareness And Diversity Through The Arts"

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## **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY HERITAGE MONTHS HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!**

Thompson Hospitality Inc. and Compass Group have formed a partnership with Picture That, LLC to produce a series of diversity publications entitled **UNITY**. The publications are distributed on a complimentary basis to dining centers where Thompson Hospitality provides cafeteria services during seven Diversity Heritage Months: African American History-February; Women's History-March; Asian Pacific Heritage-May; Gay and Lesbian Pride-June; Hispanic Heritage-September; Disability Employment Awareness-October and Native American-November. **UNITY** uses vibrant colors, fascinating perspectives, unique stories, and unusual facts to celebrate the heritage, art and food of diverse cultures. The compelling centerfold presents the works of emerging artists who draw on their heritage to create amazing artwork.

The Thompson-Picture That partnership, formed in November 2003, was a natural fit as it required both companies to do what they are accustomed to doing best: Thompson Hospitality supplies the food; Picture That supplies the cultural fine art; and together they create a story called **UNITY**. "This partnership is a classic example of the strength that second tier MBE-to-MBE relationships yield; where the sum of what we bring to the table together as a team, is much greater than the sum of our individual parts" says Shawn O'Quinn, Vice-President of Joint Ventures at Thompson.

Formed in 2000, Picture That, LLC is a Stamford, CT based MBE that specializes in promoting cultural awareness through the arts and assists organizations reach diversity goals by providing unique cultural artrelated solutions and services. Picture That, LLC has three primary services that consist of Supplying Cultural Fine Art; Curating Rotating Awareness Exhibits and providing "Take-Aways"; and Facilitating Cultural Integration Learning Workshops. In addition to Thompson Hospitality, Picture That clients include Cendant Mobility, Citigroup, Credit Suisse First Boston, Day, Berry & Howard LLP, Deloitte & Touche, FLEET, General Electric, The Goldman Sachs Group, IBM, The Metropolitan District Commission, and UTC to name a few.

"I am thrilled about the opportunity to partner with Thompson as I felt from the onset that this would be an ideal fit. What makes our partnership extra special is the MBE-to-MBE connection as it was Thompson that allowed us to elevate our growth and take our business model to the next level" says Valerie Cooper, President and CEO of Picture That, LLC.

It is the shared commitment to diversity that allows Thompson and Picture That to grow their individual businesses while providing a value-added and unique service to their clients. Warren Thompson, President and CEO of Thompson Hospitality states "since the inception of our partnership with Picture That, *UNITY* has been transformed into a first-class publication that communicates awareness about diversity and culture through the arts. The phenomenal art work that Picture That supplies has also enticed us to begin a Cultural Fine Art Collection for our corporate HDQ facility. We are extremely pleased with the cultural stimulation these works have infused within the Thompson Hospitality work environment and equally satisfied with our Picture That partnership."

For further information about this partnership or to discuss how you may form your own with either Thompson Hospitality or Picture That, LLC please contact Shawn O'Quinn, Vice-President of Joint Ventures at Thompson Hospitality 703-964-5507, <a href="https://www.thompsonhospitality.com">www.thompsonhospitality.com</a> or Valerie Cooper, President and CEO of Picture That at 203-977-8203, <a href="https://www.picture-that.com">www.picture-that.com</a>