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AHLA's Castell Accepts Liz Dahlager, Executive Vice President of [Mereté Hotel Management](#), into the 2022-23 Elevate Program.



Liz Dahlager, Executive Vice President of Mereté Hotel Management is accepted into the 2022-23 Cohort of [Castell's Elevate Program](#). Castell is an [AHLA Foundation](#) Project dedicated to the advancement of women to the highest levels within the hospitality industry. Their annual Elevate Program is unique as its focus is to elevate women in the industry with 12+ years of experience into more leadership roles.

Liz Dahlager was named Executive Vice President of Mereté Hotel Management in December 2021. Richard Boyles, President of Mereté Hotel Management says, "In her 13 years with the company, Liz has been instrumental in the growth of Mereté and has proved exceptional leadership. The Elevate program is an ideal opportunity for her to continue to grow as a leader and connect with other leaders in our industry." In January 2022, Ms. Dahlager was awarded the Paving the Way Award from the AHLA Foundation at the Night of 1000 Stars Gala. This award honors the recipient's efforts in helping other women be the best they can be in the hospitality industry. "AHLA offers a number of programs and opportunities to engage and learn, I am honored to be a part of Elevate this year and to continue my leadership journey" said Liz Dahlager, EVP Mereté Hotel Management.

The Elevate Castell Leadership Program kicks off with a 3-day live practicum in Washington D.C. and is followed by 1 on 1 coaching sessions, networking opportunities and workshops for continued leadership training. With 60% of hoteliers being women, only 10% hold senior leadership roles. Castell's BUILD and ELEVATE programs accelerate women's careers in hotels and across the hospitality industry.

About Mereté Hotel Management

Mereté Hotel Management has been established for over 25 years and is an award-winning full-service hotel management company based in Springfield, Oregon, with hotels located throughout the Pacific Northwest. Mereté operates hotels under licensing agreements with Marriott International, Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Hotels Corporation, IHG Hotels and Resorts, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, and Choice Hotels International. For additional information about Mereté Hotel Management services, please contact us at info@meretehotels.com

ABOUT CASTELL

The Castell Project, Inc. and American Hotel and Lodging Association Foundation merged in April 2022. Both organizations shared the same mission, to help support women in the hospitality industry and advance their leadership development. They began their BUILD and ELEVATE Programs to help provide skills to both mid and high-level female leaders along with a supportive community. Learn more at www.castellproject.org.

ABOUT THE AHLA FOUNDATION

The AHLA Foundation, the charitable giving arm of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, is dedicated to helping people build careers, improve their lives, and strengthen the lodging industry. We are committed to elevating, educating, and empowering individuals and the public on the industry's story of opportunity and advancement. Since its founding in 1953, the Foundation has distributed over \$27 million in support of the industry and is committed to ensuring a strong and viable workforce for the entire lodging industry. The Foundation is funded solely by contributions from generous individuals and companies who want to give back to the hotel industry and ensure a successful future.