

TONI BAU

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With many years of invaluable leadership at the local chapter level, the HFTP Global board is a natural next step for seasoned HFTP veteran and California denizen Toni Bau. She brings her own brand of leadership and a wealth of hospitality experience to the table of leaders from across the globe.

Bau is a hospitality finance professional who has been actively involved with HFTP right from when she first joined in 2004. Immediately, she served as a board member of the HFTP Los Angeles chapter, where she held positions as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. In 2013, Bau was integral in the creation and charter of the HFTP Monterey chapter, and served as president for its first three years. The Monterey chapter went on to win the Chapter of the Year Award at the HFTP Annual Convention in 2016.

Bau's successful accounting career first began in the banking industry. It was after she had her (now 25-year-old) twins that she reentered the workforce in hospitality, by taking a job at the infamous Chateau Marmont in West Hollywood. "And I haven't looked back since," she says.

Bau has held many management positions over the years. She worked for The Standard Hotel and Mondrian Hotel in West Hollywood, prior to spending five years with the Kor Hotel Group (now the Proper brand) as controller at the Avalon and Maison 140 Hotels in Beverly Hills.

One of her favorite memories comes from the time she spent working in Beverly Hills. It was during a buyout of the storied, boutique

Avalon Hotel for the shooting of the hit film "Dreamgirls." During the production, she had the opportunity to meet the Academy Award-winning actor Jamie Foxx (and his new chocolate Doberman puppy).

Bau also worked for Joie de Vivre Hospitality as its multi-property controller at Hotel Erwin in Venice and Pacific Edge Hotel in Laguna Beach. Today, she is the director of finance with Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey.

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Bau's collective experience has allowed her to participate in every aspect of hotel operations, with her major focus being on finance. She says, "I have been fortunate to work for many fantastic leaders, general managers and CEO's alike that set amazing examples on how to maintain the highest quality of care and accommodation for our guests, as well as how to empower and motivate employees within a supportive team environment."

Bau has always held the needs of her guests and others in high esteem, and hopes

to bring this with her to the HFTP Global board. "I think it is important to understand that there is no substitute for the provision of excellent service."

She displays this admiring tenacity in all aspects of her life, as a hospitality professional and volunteer — even as a three-time marathon runner ("I love to run," she declares) and proud, award-winning salsa maker.

Aside from her current responsibilities with the Portola Hotel and Spa and HFTP, Bau volunteers with the Monterey County Hospitality Association and holds a seat on the board of the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

She also looks forward to acting as an agent of change during her time as an HFTP Global director. "I hope I can help make change, particularly by finding more ways to encourage the success of finance and technology students coming out of our university hospitality programs. They are the pipeline to our future. I think HFTP has the right people, and the devotion, to make this happen."

With indefatigable guidance from inspired Global board members like Bau, HFTP can continue to grow in its support of future hospitality leaders and the entire hospitality industry in general.

