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Peter Patel has been managing the Econo Lodge in Russellville, Kentucky for the past nine years. Under Patel's leadership, the property has repeatedly ranked near the top of the Econo Lodge brand, but this is the first time the team has won Hotel of the Year. Active in the community, Patel serves as the Vice Chairman of Logan County Kentucky Tourism and is a member of Russellville Rotary Club.

The award-winning Econo Lodge hotel is conveniently located next to state parks, the Auburn Museum, the 1817 Saddle Factory and other popular tourist destinations. The hotel features a business center, guest laundry facility, free breakfast, and comfortable rooms that each include coffee makers, microwaves and other complimentary amenities.

"We're so happy to receive this award from Choice Hotels," said Patel. "It is all due to the hard work of our friendly staff and I am so pleased the team is being recognized and rewarded for their unfailing dedication."

This hotel participates in the award-winning Choice Privileges loyalty rewards program, rated no. 1 in *USA Today's* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards list. Membership is free, offers fast rewards, instant perks, and exclusive member rates when booking directly at [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com). Members can redeem points towards free nights, airline miles and more while staying at any of Choice's 11 global brand hotels, including the Ascend Hotel Collection, Cambria, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Sleep Inn, Quality Inn, Clarion, MainStay Suites, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Econo Lodge, and Rodeway Inn.

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