



## **THE HILLMAN GROUP HONORED AS A MEMBER OF THE 2017 DELOITTE CINCINNATI USA 100**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Hillman Companies, Inc. (NYSE-AMEX: HLM.PR) and The Hillman Group, Inc. (collectively, “Hillman” or the “Company”)** announced today that it ranked #12 on the Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100, a ranking of 100 of the largest privately owned companies in the Cincinnati area.

“The companies ranked on the 2017 Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 continue to serve as a strong foundation for our local economy,” said Frank Leggio, Partner and leader of Cincinnati’s Growth Enterprise Services practice, Deloitte & Touche LLP. “Thanks to their strong business practices and ability to drive and sustain performance, these innovative, entrepreneurial businesses continue to grow, strengthening an already thriving local business climate.”

Overall, 2017 Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 companies generate more than \$36 billion in sales and employ nearly 107,000 people.

### **About the 2017 Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100**

Since the launch of the Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 in 1983, the program has honored greater Cincinnati’s most recognizable private companies. Deloitte is joined by Great American Insurance Group and Enquirer Media to recognize private businesses for the tremendous economic and civic contributions they make to our community.

The Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100 is an annual ranking and recognition of the largest, privately held companies in the greater Cincinnati area. The list ranks the top 100 companies by sales, as determined by a voluntarily submitted qualification form. In order to be eligible for the Deloitte Cincinnati USA 100, companies must be privately held and headquartered in the 18-county tristate area. For more information visit [www.deloitte.com/us/cincinnati100](http://www.deloitte.com/us/cincinnati100).

### **About Hillman**

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions, delivered with industry best customer service to over 26,000 customers. Hillman designs innovative product and merchandising solutions for complex categories that deliver an outstanding customer experience to home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores, and OEM & Industrial customers. Leveraging a world-class distribution and sales network, Hillman delivers a “small business” experience with “big business” efficiency.

For more information on the Company, please visit our website at <http://www.hillmangroup.com> or call Investor Relations at (513) 851-4900, ext. 60292.