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Hightower CEO Receives Regional Business Award

Natalie Hartkopf named to Puget Sound Business Journal's 40 Under 40

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SEATTLE, WA—Today our Co-Founder & CEO, Natalie Hartkopf joins top regional business leaders as Puget Sound Business Journal honors their 2018 "40 Under 40" list at the 20th annual awards gala.

As the only female CEO of a manufacturing company on this year's list, Natalie joins fellow honorees with background in technology, real estate, education, healthcare, finance, professional sports, and hospitality. The class of 2018 40 Under 40 will be celebrated today at an invitation only event in downtown Seattle.

Natalie co-founded Hightower while earning her degree in International Economics at the University of Washington. In 2005, the company was based in a tiny, shared office space near Pioneer Square. The founders' vision was to bring fresh, unique designs to modern office spaces—pieces their friends in the architectural and design community (A+D) could not find elsewhere. Upon graduation, Natalie knew the company needed to cast a larger net to gain the attention of influential A+D. She headed to NYC and opened a Hightower showroom. Her travels took her to Europe, Kansas City, and San Francisco, all in strategic moves to grow Hightower.

In 2017, coming full circle, a creative team moved into newly remodeled offices/showroom the historic Smith Tower in the Pioneer Square district of Seattle. The new office gave Hightower four locations in total including, Kansas City, MO, and two manufacturing facilities in High Point, NC. Reflecting on the ambitious growth over 15 years and this most recent award, Natalie commented, "I am honored to be included in the 40 Under 40 list for 2018 and consider this an award for our entire company. It is tremendous representing Hightower, bringing more recognition to our committed, talented teams. I appreciate all our employees and business partners in the design community who care so deeply about the work we do."

About Hightower:

Since 2003, we've been committed to setting our friends in the A+D community up for success. Bold, unexpected, human-focused designs have fueled our growth since the beginning. Equally important? Our superior project management; fast lead times and customer care that repeatedly surpasses expectations. Our female founders value the multi-generational beginnings of our company; industry veteran knowledge infused with the sensibilities of Gen Y and the Millennial generation along with a distinctly female perspective. We empower designers so they stand out in a highly competitive field. We are design driven and service obsessed.

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