

□ **CHICAGO (September 15, 2009)** – For the sixth year in a row, Hyatt Hotels Corporation has earned the top rating of 100 percent on the 2010 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), an annual survey administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is America’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization.

The CEI rates employers on a scale from 0 to 100 percent based on their policies and practices related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender employees, consumers, and investors. A company's score determines its ranking in HRC's annual "Buying for Equality" and "Best Places to Work" reports.

This year, Hyatt Hotels Corporation joins the ranks of 304 other major U.S. businesses that received a perfect score on the CEI in recognition for their treatment of LGBT employees and consumers. For the 2010 survey, the CEI rated 590 businesses in total, evaluating LGBT-related policies and practices including nondiscrimination policies, transgender health benefits and domestic partner benefits.

“We are proud that for the 6th year in a row we are among the growing number of companies listed on the 2010 Corporate Equality Index,” said Salvador Mendoza, vice president of diversity and inclusion, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts. “Hyatt's commitment to providing an open and inclusive workplace experience is exemplified by the recognition we’ve received from HRC.”

Hyatt's 100 percent rating includes perfect marks in Hyatt's protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, parity of health care benefits for domestic partners and other pertinent criteria. Over the years, Hyatt's significant commitment to the LGBT community has generated other accolades and recognition including:

- *Advocate Magazine* named Hyatt as one of the “Top-Ten Gay Friendly Employers in America”
- *DiversityIncMagazine* rated Hyatt among the “Top Companies for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Employees”
- Hyatt is a long time supporter and partner of GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and IGLTA, the International Gay Lesbian Travel Association

Additionally, Hyatt LGBT employees enjoy domestic partner benefits, which include health insurance, medical leave, bereavement pay, and relocation expenses.

Hyatt remains steadfastly committed to diversity in the workplace and welcomes all communities into its hotels around the world.

The Corporate Equality Index 2010 report is available at www.hrc.org/cei.

About The Human Rights Campaign Foundation

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

For further information:

About Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Hyatt Hotels Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is a leading global hospitality company with a proud heritage of making guests feel more than welcome. Thousands of members of the Hyatt family in 45 countries strive to make a difference in the lives of the guests they encounter every day by providing authentic hospitality. The company's subsidiaries manage, franchise, own and develop hotels and resorts under the **Hyatt@**, **Park Hyatt@**, **Andaz™**, **Grand Hyatt@**, **Hyatt Regency@**, **Hyatt Place@** and **Hyatt Summerfield Suites™** brand names and have locations under development on five continents. **Hyatt Vacation Ownership, Inc.**, a **Hyatt Hotels Corporation** subsidiary, develops and operates vacation ownership properties under the **Hyatt Vacation Club@** brand. As of June 30, 2009, the company’s worldwide portfolio consisted of 413 properties. For more information, please visit www.hyatt.com.

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