

## Hyatt associates from around the world recognized for leadership and community contributions

□ **CHICAGO (February 29, 2012)** – Hyatt Hotels & Resorts is celebrating today the achievements of several of its leaders who have recently been recognized for their efforts related to diversity and inclusion.

“Recognition of our colleagues and associates reiterates our dedication to diversity initiatives and programs,” said Sal Mendoza, vice president of diversity and inclusion, Hyatt. “Throughout the last several years, we’ve been making great strides in this area, and the recognition we’ve received from community organizations, publications, and other individuals validates the commitment we’ve made and will continue to make.”

Highlights of recent diversity and inclusion recognition include:

### **National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise Meeting With Commerce Secretary**

As co-chair of the National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise, Mark Hoplamazian, president and chief executive officer, Hyatt Hotels Corporation, recently met with Commerce Secretary John Bryson to discuss several important initiatives in regards to diversity and inclusion. The Council, focusing on national economic impact of minority entrepreneurs, discussed policies around manufacturing, exportation and U.S. investment, as well as new initiatives which will help entrepreneurs compete for global consumers. Since its creation in April 2010, the NACMBE has focused on developing a new definition of minority business enterprise, creating a forum to support growth and expansion of minority business owners, and fostering strategic partnerships between minority-owned businesses and other businesses.

Hoplamazian’s work in co-leading the NACMBE reflects the company’s commitment to an inclusive workplace. Within the past year, Hyatt has been named one of the Best Places to Work for the LGBT Equality by the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index, No. 23 in the Association of Diversity Council’s Top 25 Diversity Council Honors Award, *Latina Style Magazine’s* Top 50 Opportunities to Hispanic Women in the Workplace, *Diversity Inc Magazine’s* 25 Noteworthy Companies, one of the Top 50 Employers by Readers’ Choice CAREERS & disabled Magazine, and No. 55 in *Diversity Employer’s* Top 100 Employers for the Class of 2011.

### **Lee Ann Benavidez Named One of Top Five 2011 Latina Executives of the Year**

Lee Ann Benavidez, regional vice president of revenue for North America operations, was recently honored as one of the Top Five 2011 LATINA Executives of the Year by *LATINA Style Magazine*. Benavidez was selected as one of five recipients across industries for her strong leadership, commitment to community stewardship, and significant business impact. With 17 years of hospitality experience, Benavidez has ascended through numerous sales roles at a variety of hotel properties and has consistently displayed excellence. She earned “Manager of the Year” in her first position with Hyatt and now currently oversees the Western Division, which has thrived under her leadership. For more information on the top LATINA Executives of the Year, visit <http://latinastyle.com/ls50/corporate-executive.php>.

### **Five Hyatt General Managers Honored with 2012 Trumpet Awards**

Five Hyatt general managers were recently honored for their contributions and accomplishments by the Trumpet Awards Foundation in January. The annual awards event celebrates African American achievers and the companies who support them. **Larry Daniels**, Hyatt Regency Dallas Fort-Worth Airport, who has since moved to the soon-to-open Hyatt French Quarter; **Gail Smith-Howard**, Hyatt Regency Baltimore; **Adrian Hughes**, Hyatt Regency New Brunswick; **Michael Session**, Hyatt Dulles; and **Michael Smith**, Hyatt Regency New Orleans were each recipients of the Power at the Front Door Award, which was created to salute hotel general managers and recognize their outstanding efforts to change the face of the hotel industry in the African American community. For the full list of award recipients, visit <http://trumpetfoundation.org/trumpet-2012/2012-power/>.

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 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 House™**. **Hyatt House** is changing its brand identity from **Hyatt Summerfield Suites@**. **Hyatt Residential Group, Inc.**, a **Hyatt Hotels Corporation** subsidiary, develops, operates, markets or licenses **Hyatt Residences™** and **Hyatt Vacation Club@**, which is changing its name to **Hyatt Residence Club™**. As of December 31, 2011, the Company’s worldwide portfolio

consisted of 483 properties in 45 countries. For more information, please visit [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com).

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