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## **Top Hotel Executives to Speak at Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI)**

COSTA MESA, California, USA --- Burba Hotel Network (BHN), the global leader in the development and hosting of hotel investment events, has announced that a stellar line-up of hotel leaders will participate in The Hotel Leaders Forum at the Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI), scheduled for January 12-14, 2010, at the Renaissance Mumbai Hotel & Convention Centre in Mumbai, India. HIFI is co-hosted by BHN and Horwath HTL, India.

Participating on The Hotel Leaders Forum panel will be Raymond N. Bickson, *Managing Director & CEO*, Taj Hotels Resorts & Palaces; Eric Danziger, *President & CEO*, Wyndham Hotel Group; Ed Fuller, *President & Managing Director*, Marriott International, Inc.; Hubert Joly, *President & CEO*, Carlson and Carlson Hotels Worldwide; and Chris Nassetta, *President & Chief Executive Officer*, Hilton Worldwide. The session will be moderated by the well known Resident Editor and Senior Anchor of NDTV, Manvi Dhillon.

“We are excited to have such a distinguished panel of hotel leaders agree to speak at HIFI, which clearly demonstrates the importance of India to these worldwide hotel companies,” said Jim Burba, President of BHN, a co-host of HIFI. “Their perspectives on the state of the global lodging industry, and their views about the hotel opportunities in India will be of great benefit to our HIFI delegates,” Burba added.

“ HIFI is honoured to present a panel of eminent industry leaders; we look forward to benefit from their years of invaluable experience across the globe, overseeing 15,000 hotels and other tourism products and implementing aggressive development strategies including in India said Vijay Thacker, Director, Horwath HTL India and HIFI co-host.

HIFI will focus on hotel and tourism investment opportunities in India, which has seen a rapid expansion of its hotel and tourism industry over the past decade. With the current economic slowdown coming to an end, investment interest in the Indian hotel sector is expected to resume strong growth over the next several years.

Visit [www.HIFI-India.com](http://www.HIFI-India.com) for more HIFI information.

## About the Hosts:

BHN brings together more than two decades of experience in developing and organizing the world's most prominent gatherings of the hotel and tourism investment community. At these events, nearly 70 conferences completed and/or in development, the investment community has come together to network, conduct business and to learn about the latest trends. They have become "must attend" events for those interested in hospitality real estate. BHN events include: the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS) in San Diego; the ALIS Summer Update in Los Angeles; the Central America Tourism & Hotel Investment Exchange (CATHIE) held in Managua in 2009; the newly launched Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS) which will be held in Miami in 2010; HICAP Update Japan and HICAP Update Southeast Asia; the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP) in Hong Kong; and the Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI) in Mumbai. The BHN website at [www.Burba.com](http://www.Burba.com) is the gateway for the information about conferences BHN produces, as well as a direct link to important players in the hospitality investment world.

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