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Captain C.P. Krishnan Nair to Receive the Hall of Fame Award at the annual 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 Captain C.P. Krishnan Nair, Chairman, The Leela Palaces Hotels & Resorts, will receive the Hall of Fame Award 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.



After leaving the army in 1957, Capt. Nair set up a small industrial unit in suburban Mumbai; the Leela Scottish Lace Ltd. was India's first and only lace manufacturing plant. With Capt. Nair's strong commitment to excellence and innovation, Leela Lace Ltd. grew to become the first company to introduce the "Bleeding Madras" fabric and other handlooms such as Cheese Cloth and gauze fabric to the fashion capitals of the west, specifically the USA.

It was in the mid-eighties that Capt. Nair founded Leela Hotels, named after his wife Leela. The Leela Palaces Hotels & Resorts is comprised of state-of-the-art, award winning, luxury hotels in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Goa, Kovalam (Kerala), Gurgaon, and Udaipur with projects under development in New Delhi, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad etc.

Capt. Nair has been recognized numerous times for his work on environmental issues, having been honored by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences (AAHS), the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), and His Majesty Emperor Akihito of Japan. Capt. Nair represents India on the United Nations Committee for Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.

"We are delighted to have Captain C.P. Krishnan Nair receive the HIFI Hall of Fame Award at the Hotel Investment Forum India in Mumbai in January 2010. His successful career, contributions and leadership in the Indian economy and community, and his philanthropic leadership, truly represents what the HIFI Hall of Fame Award was designed to honor," said Jim Burba, President of HIFI host, BHN.

“Capt. Nair entered a new industry, on a mission to create the finest global hotels, at an age when most persons would be happy to sit back and rest on their laurels. His zest and drive for excellence and for achieving his vision is admirable. We are truly delighted to be able to recognize his leadership and contributions”, said Vijay Thacker, Director Horwath HTL India.

The HIFI Hall of Fame award is presented to an individual in the hospitality industry who exemplifies outstanding business practices, leadership, and achievements, both professionally and personally. At HIFI in January 2009, P.R.S. Oberoi, Chairman, The Oberoi Group, was awarded the first Hall of Fame Award.

HIFI will focus on hotel and tourism investment opportunities in India, which has seen a booming economy and rapid expansion of its hotel and tourism industry. Investment interest in the Indian hotel sector has increased significantly over the past several years, recognizing the potential for investment and operations in a large rapidly growing economy.

Visit 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; Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI) in Mumbai; and the PATA CEO Challenge. The BHN website at 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.

Horwath HTL - India is the India member of Horwath International's Hotel, Tourism and Leisure Consulting Group (HTL). Since its establishment in 1987, Horwath HTL has been involved with over 1,500 projects throughout the region in all phases of the property lifecycle for clients ranging from individually held businesses to the world's most prominent hotel companies, developers, lenders, investors and industrial corporations. Horwath HTL currently operates out of offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, Beijing, Tokyo, Jakarta, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Mumbai, Sydney, Auckland, and Honolulu and hosts hotel investment conferences in Hong Kong, Australia and China.