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China Lodging Group, Limited Announces Changes of Management and Board of Directors

SHANGHAI, China, March 17, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- China Lodging Group, Limited (NASDAQ:HTHT) ("China Lodging Group" or the "Company"), a leading and fast-growing multi-brand hotel group in China, today announced that Ms. Hui Chen has resigned as Chief Financial Officer for her personal reasons. Mr. Teo Nee Chuan will act as new Chief Financial Officer.

"Hui has added tremendous value as CFO of our company and has been a long-time partner to me. She has contributed to our financial excellence during her tenure," said Mr. Qi Ji, founder and executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. "We respect her personal decision and wish her all the best."

"I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Teo Nee Chuan as CFO," said Mr. Ji. "Teo's strong leadership and in-depth financial experience will be invaluable assets to the Company and our shareholders. We look forward to his success in the new role."

Mr. Teo joined the Company in November 2015 as Deputy Chief Financial Officer. He has more than 20 years of experience in financial areas in multinational corporations. Prior to joining China Lodging Group, he was Chief Financial Officer of Rnomac International Group, the largest Volvo construction equipment distributor in China. He also served as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Operation in DDB Greater China Group and Financial Controller in Focus Media Group. Prior to that, Mr. Teo worked at Ernst & Young as Associate Director of Transaction Advisory Services in Kuala Lumpur, Toronto and Shanghai. Mr. Teo received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Financial Analysis from Warwick University, the United Kingdom. He is a Chartered Certified Accountant in the United Kingdom and a Certified Public Accountant in the United States and Hong Kong.

In addition, China Lodging Group announced that after serving for more than five years as an independent director and a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee, Mr. Joseph Chow has resigned from the Board of Directors for his personal reasons, effective March 16, 2016.

"We thank Joseph for his great support to our company over the past few years. We wish him well to pursue other interests," said Mr. Ji.

About China Lodging Group, Limited

China Lodging Group, Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor in China under 12 brand names. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had 2,763 hotels or 278,843 rooms in operation in 352 cities. With a primary focus on economy and midscale hotel segments, China Lodging Group's brands include Hi Inn, HanTing Hotel, Elan Hotel, Ji Hotel, Starway Hotel, Joya Hotel, and Manxin Hotels & Resorts. The Company also has the rights as master franchisee for Mercure, Ibis and Ibis Styles, and co-development rights for Grand Mercure and Novotel, in Pan-China region.

The Company's business includes leased, manachised and franchised models. Under the lease model, the Company directly operates hotels typically located on leased properties. Under the manachise model, the Company manages manachised hotels through the on-site hotel managers it appoints and collects fees from franchisees. Under the franchise model, the Company provides training, reservation and support services to the franchised hotels and collects fees from franchisees but does not appoint on-site hotel managers. The Company applies a consistent standard and platform across all of its hotels. As of December 31, 2015, China Lodging Group operates 27 percent of its hotel rooms under lease model, 73 percent under manachise and franchise models.

For more information, please visit the Company's website: <http://ir.huazhu.com>.

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The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law.

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