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China Lodging Group, Limited Announces Change to Board of Directors

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Board of Directors of China Lodging Group, Limited (NASDAQ:HTHT) ("China Lodging Group" or the "Company"), today announced the appointment of Ms. Xiaofan Wang as the Director of Company's Board and the acceptance of the resignation from Mr. Min Fan as the Director of Company's Board for his personal reasons, effective immediately.

Ms. Xiaofan Wang has served as Chief Financial Officer of Ctrip since November 2013 and Executive Vice President of Ctrip since May 2016. Ms. Wang joined Ctrip in 2001 and has held a number of managerial positions at Ctrip. Prior to joining Ctrip, she served as finance manager in China eLabs, a venture capital firm from 2000 to 2001. Previously, Ms. Wang worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian CPAs Limited Company. Ms. Wang received a Master of Business Administration from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and obtained her Bachelor's degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Ms. Wang is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

"We would like to thank Min for his dedication and contribution to China Lodging Group's growth over the years," commented Mr. Qi Ji, founder and executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. "On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome Ms. Wang. Her extensive industry and managerial experience provides a valuable addition to the Board."

About China Lodging Group, Limited

China Lodging Group, Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor in China. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had 3,746 hotels or 379,675 rooms in operation in 378 cities. With a primary focus on economy and midscale hotel segments, China Lodging Group's brands include Hi Inn, HanTing Hotel, Elan Hotel, HanTing Plus Hotel, Ji Hotel, Starway Hotel, Joya Hotel, VUE Hotel, Crystal Orange Hotel, Orange Hotel Select, Orange Hotel and Manxin Hotel. 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 and owned, managed and franchised models. Under the lease and ownership model, the Company directly operates hotels typically located on leased or owned properties. Under the managed model, the Company manages managed 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, 2017, China Lodging Group operates 22 percent of its hotel rooms under lease and ownership model, 78 percent under managed and franchise models.

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

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