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AAHOA Officers, Past Chairman to Speak at 2016 Lodging Conference

ATLANTA, September 26, 2016 – Leadership from the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) will be featured speakers at the 2016 Lodging Conference in Phoenix.

AAHOA Chairman Bharat “Bruce” Patel will serve on the “Lodging Leaders Panel: A View From the Top” on Tuesday morning during the general session. Vice Chairman Bhavesh Patel, Treasurer Hitesh “HP” Patel, and 2015 Chairman Jay R. “Jimmy” Patel will join the event’s “think tank” panels on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss topics including new hotel construction, hotel renovation and conversion, and the relative merits of independent hotels versus franchised properties.

The Lodging Conference, now in its 22nd year, offers three full days of networking, deal-making, and education. Over the past two decades, the event has drawn tens of thousands of the hospitality world’s best, brightest, and most prominent. It consistently promotes inclusivity and engagement among attendees, all of whom are encouraged to “join in the conversation, discuss issues, and solve problems.”

“It is an exceptional honor to have four AAHOA representatives as part of the Lodging Conference lineup this year,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “We look forward to contributing to yet another successful event.”

A veteran hotelier and acknowledged thought leader within hospitality, Chairman Bruce Patel will share the stage with industry powerhouses Geoff Ballotti, Wyndham CEO; Roger Bloss, Vantage Hospitality CEO; Eric Danziger, Trump Hotels CEO; Jim Abrahamson, Interstate Hotels CEO; and Thomas J. Corcoran, Jr., FelCor Lodging Trust chairman.

“It’s a privilege to serve on a panel with these gentlemen and to have the opportunity to learn from them,” Chairman Patel said. “The Lodging Conference is always one of my favorite industry events thanks in large part to the collaborative, solution-oriented structure of the think-tank model.”

The Lodging Conference will be held Sept. 26-29 at The Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. For more information, please visit www.lodgingconference.com.

Founded in 1989, AAHOA is the largest hotel owner’s association in the world, with more than 15,000 small business owner-members. AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States.

