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China Lodging Group, Limited Announces Appointment of New Director and Resignation of Vice Chairman of Board of Directors

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 20, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Board of Directors of China Lodging Group, Limited (Nasdaq:HTHT) ("China Lodging Group" or the "Company"), today announced the appointment of Mr. Yongjian Sun as the Director of Company's Board and the acceptance of the resignation from Mr. Matthew Zhang as the Director of Company's Board and the Vice-chairman of the Board, effective immediately.

Mr. Matthew Zhang served the Company since 2007, in the capacity of COO, CEO, Vice-chairman of the Board in different phases. Matthew resigned from the Board because his relocation to overseas made it inconvenient for him to fulfill the daily responsibilities as a Director.

Mr. Sun is the Executive Director and President of BM Holding Group, a Shanghai-based conglomerate company specialized in international trade, development of commercial real estate, logistics management, and hotel operations and property management. Previously, Mr. Sun served as senior management role in Shanghai Baosteel Group Corporation and its subsidiary. Mr. Sun graduated from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

"We would like to thank Matthew for his dedication and contribution to China Lodging Group's rapid growth over the years," commented Mr. Qi Ji, founder, executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of China Lodging Group. "On behalf of the board, I would like to welcome Mr. Sun. His extensive industry experience provides a valuable addition to the Board."

About China Lodging Group, Limited

China Lodging Group, Limited is a leading and fast-growing multi-brand hotel group in China. The Company provides business and leisure travelers with high-quality, and conveniently-located hotel products under six brands, namely, Joya Hotel, Manxin Hotels & Resorts, Ji Hotel, Starway Hotel, HanTing Hotel, and Hi Inn. For more information, please visit the Company's website: <http://ir.huazhu.com>.

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