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CHARTRES LODGING MANAGING PARTNER ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF THE M&A ADVISOR'S 40 UNDER 40 RECOGNITION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO (August 4, 2010) – Maki Nakamura Bara, managing partner and co-founder of The Chartres Lodging Group, LLC, was announced as a winner of the 40 Under 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards on Monday, July 26 at the Inaugural 40 Under 40 Awards Gala at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this event to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

Ms. Bara has been chosen for her accomplishments and expertise from a pool of international nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders.

"We've been recognizing transactions and teams for their achievements over the past decade," said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and founder of The M&A Advisor. "This is the first time we will be recognizing individuals — the up and coming leaders still under the age of 40 — who've been handling the M&A, financing and turnaround transactions behind the scenes. I am pleased to recognize Ms. Bara as a winner of our inaugural awards and bestow upon her The M&A Advisor's highest individual achievement."

"Chartres Lodging is extremely proud that Maki has been publicly recognized as one of the top 40 under 40 in the real estate field," said Rob Kline, president and co-founder of Chartres Lodging Group. "Maki is a driving force behind Chartres Lodging operations. The fact that she successfully manages an international business while maintaining an active home life is a noteworthy accomplishment. We look to Maki as a motivating role model and wish her continued success."

Having worked on more than 100 hospitality assets, Ms. Bara is a leading expert in redeveloping and repositioning upscale and luxury resorts, urban hotels, convention hotels and conference centers, which encompasses The Chartres Lodging Group's \$5 billion portfolio in the U.S. and Japan. Her previous experience includes participating in the formation and growth of the lodging activities of Lend Lease Real Estate and Strategic Hotel Capital.

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About The Chartres Lodging Group, LLC

The Chartres Lodging Group, LLC, is an investment and advisory firm focused on the investment, asset management and renovation of high-quality lodging assets. Chartres Lodging Group's principals have been responsible for more than \$8 billion of lodging investments and have asset-managed more than 100 upscale and luxury hotels, resorts and conference centers. The firm is currently responsible for a \$5-billion, 15,600-room portfolio of luxury and upscale hotels, conference centers and resorts located throughout the United States and Japan. Chartres' principals and employees are direct investors in 65% of this portfolio. Chartres Lodging is headquartered in San Francisco, with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Tokyo. For more information on The Chartres Lodging Group, please visit www.chartreslodging.com.