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PUNIT SHAH APPOINTED TO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP OWNERS ASSOCIATION GLOBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Atlanta, Georgia: October 1, 2012 – InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) announced today that Punit R. Shah, President & Chief Operating Officer of the Liberty Group, has been appointed to the Global Board of Directors of the InterContinental Hotels Group Owners Association.

The Global Board of Directors are comprised of 25 Owners of IHG brand hotels globally who are also leaders in the hospitality industry, from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. IHG senior executives also hold seats on the Board.

“As a second-generation hotelier, I am honored to serve on the Global Board and carry forward the long-standing relationship my Father established with InterContinental Hotels over two decades ago proudly representing the Owners and Operators of this incredible brand,” commented Mr. Shah.

The Owners Association works globally in partnership with IHG to improve revenue for its hotels, further strengthen the value of IHG’s brands, and most importantly, enhance the experience for its guests. The Association represents the interests of over 2,000 Owners and Operators of more than 3,000 InterContinental Hotels Group hotels worldwide.

The IHG Owners Association was established in 1955 and was the first association of owners in the hotel industry. The Global Board of Directors are responsible for leading the Association and determining the direction it will take to fulfill its mission.

“Liberty Group has a long history with InterContinental Hotels Group, being franchisees with us for the past 25 years. Punit has continued his father’s legacy as a savvy developer and a smart operator of hotels. Today, Punit owns IHG hotels across the United States and it has been exciting to work along side him as he has continued to grow his portfolio,” states Kirk Kinsell, President, Intercontinental Hotels Group.

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