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**RELAIS & CHATEAUX RE-ELECTS JAUME TAPIES
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT FOR SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM**

-- Tàpies Leads Expansion, New Business Strategy, Sees Positive Business Results --

New York, NY (November 19, 2009). At their annual Congress, held in Biarritz, France from November 15 - 18, the members of Relais & Châteaux, a collection of the finest charming hotels and gourmet restaurants worldwide, today overwhelmingly approved a second term for their president, Jaume Tàpies. The re-election ensures the coherence and the continuity of the activities instigated by Tàpies and his team during his first term in office. New projects and strategies will also enable the Association to meet the demands of a discerning international clientele.

“My passion and my ambition for Relais & Châteaux prompted me to stand again for election as the President of the Association, and I am delighted to have been re-elected,” said Tàpies. “We can now embark on a new, robust path to secure the future of Relais & Châteaux. Over the next four years, I will focus on the consolidation of our sales strategy around the world and the development of our communication focus. Along with the Board of Directors and the support of all our members, we will continue to promote our growth on the international level and to map out new Routes du Bonheur.”

In the past four years, Tàpies led the Association through a period of strong growth. He addressed the difficulties associated with the economic turndown by expanding the group’s presence into Southeast Asia, Australia, Mexico and Chile, and enhanced the competitiveness of its members by implementing a new distribution management system, which has markedly improved performance.

Tàpies introduced a highly intuitive central reservation system with vast multi-lingual functionality that integrates 500,000 travel agents with the Association’s 14 call centers. Launched in March, the system has generated a 24% increase in reservations. Also this year, the Association, which has predominantly had its roots in country hotels since its founding in 1954, has brought city properties into its family. These include new properties for 2010 in Dallas, Rome and London. Planned city expansion includes properties in Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago.

In addition to the election of the President at the Congress, members from the 57 countries served by Relais & Châteaux elected representatives of two committees that make up the Board of Directors.

About Relais & Châteaux:

Relais & Châteaux is an exclusive collection of 475 of the finest charming hotels and gourmet restaurants in 57 countries. Established in France in 1954, the Association's mission is to spread its unique art de vivre across the globe by selecting outstanding properties with a truly unique character. Relais & Châteaux is also a family of hoteliers and Grands Chefs from all over the world who share a passion for and a personal commitment to ensuring their guests are privy to moments of exceptional harmony, an unforgettable celebration of the senses. From the vineyards in the Napa Valley to the beaches in Bali, from the olive trees in Provence, to the lodges in South Africa, Relais & Châteaux offers all the stops on the finest route for discovering each special place and country. www.relaischateaux.com