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## **Caribbean Hotel Lenders to Meet at CHRIS in Miami, Florida**

COSTA MESA, California, USA --- Burba Hotel Network (BHN), the global leader in the development and hosting of hotel investment events, has announced that an elite group of hotel lenders will be meeting with delegates at the upcoming Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS). Hosted by BHN, CHRIS will be held February 10-12, 2010, at the InterContinental Miami in Miami, Florida, USA.

In a session titled "The Money Connection," lenders will let delegates know if there is a warming trend on its way for hotels in the Caribbean region. Lenders will discuss who is planning to lend in 2010 and what criteria will be used.

Participating in "The Money Connection" session will be: Lester Cox, Director, RBC Royal Bank of Canada; Milton Lawrence, Chairman, Caribbean Financial Services Corporation (CFSC); Tim Lorimer, Vice President, International Banking, Scotiabank; Cecelia Rabassa, Chief Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC); Ángel Pérez-Rivera, Director, Private Sector Financing, Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico; Peter B.M. Stevenson, Principal Investment Officer, Inter-American Development Bank; Gabriel E. Tineo, Consultant, Banco BHD; and Mark E. Young, Managing Director Corporate Banking, FirstCaribbean International Bank. Scott D. Berman, Principal & Industry Leader Hospitality & Leisure, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will moderate the session.

About CHRIS and "The Money Connection," BHN president Jim Burba said, "The Money Connection will be a rapid-fire session that will give CHRIS delegates a quick snapshot of the lending prospects for 2010, which is important information considering lending, and just about everything else, has been frozen over the last year or so." Burba added, "CHRIS delegates will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the lenders after the session, which is an important opportunity for delegates to work on getting their deals done."

CHRIS will focus on hotel and tourism investment opportunities in the Caribbean and will be held annually in Miami, the financial and transportation gateway to the Caribbean region.

Visit [www.CHRISconference.com](http://www.CHRISconference.com) for more CHRIS information.

### **About the Host:**

BHN is the worldwide leader in developing and organizing conferences for the hotel and tourism investment community. With more than two decades of experience, over 70 events completed to date, and more than 56,000 international delegates, BHN conferences have become "must attend" events for industry leaders who come together to network, conduct business and to learn about the latest trends.

BHN events include: the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS) in San Diego; the ALIS Summer Update in Los Angeles; the Central America Tourism & Hotel Investment Exchange (CATHIE) to be held in El Salvador in 2010; the Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS) in Miami; the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP) in Hong Kong; HICAP Update Southeast Asia in Singapore; HICAP Update Japan in Tokyo; and the Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI) in Mumbai. The BHN website at [www.Burba.com](http://www.Burba.com) is the gateway for information about the conferences BHN produces, as well as a direct link to important players in the hospitality investment world.