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LW Hospitality Advisors (LWHA) Announces West Coast Expansion & Appointment of Mark Lukens as Managing Director

NEW YORK, May 28, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Daniel H. Lesser, President & CEO of LW Hospitality Advisors (LWHA) today announced the appointment of Mark Lukens as Managing Director of the firm. Mr. Lukens, who is domiciled in the Pacific Northwest, has twenty five plus years of experience providing an array of hospitality operational, valuation, and real estate advisory services including: expert testimony, site evaluation, highest and best use analysis, market and feasibility studies, and appraisals.

"Mark's experience and capabilities in lodging real estate are wide and deep, which further enhance the firm's senior ranks," said Daniel H. Lesser. "LWHA recently marked its fourth year anniversary, and during the near term we anticipate additional growth with new service offerings, and expansion of our geographic footprint with offices in the nation's Middle and Southwest regions."

Most recently, Mr. Lukens served as Senior Vice President with HREC – Hospitality Real Estate Counselors. Mr. Lukens has operational, development, consulting, and transaction advisory experience while based in San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle with blue chip firms including: HVS International, InterContinental Hotels Group, Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels, Kenneth Leventhal & Co, PKF Consulting, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, and Wyndham Worldwide.

Mr. Lukens earned a Bachelor of Arts at the Washington State University School of Hospitality Business Management, a Master of Business Administration at the University of San Diego, and an MAI (Member of the Appraisal Institute).

Mr. Lukens said, "I am delighted with the opportunity to join LWHA. I've known Dan Lesser for many years and am excited to join him and his partners Evan Weiss and Gary Isenberg, who have rapidly developed a leading valuation, advisory, and asset management services platform."

LWHA specializes in a wide range of advisory, valuation, feasibility, investment counseling, asset management, property management, and transactional services focused exclusively on hotels, resorts, gaming properties, and conference center assets worldwide. LWHA works with corporate, institutional, and individual clients, as well as with municipalities and governmental agencies on all facets of hospitality real estate.

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