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The LeFrak Organization, Starwood Capital Group and Invesco Combine New Lifestyle Hotel Brand with Luxury Living at 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach

Miami-based Fortune International Leads Sales & Marketing Efforts for New Branded Residences

MIAMI (February 7, 2013) ---An exciting new concept in beachfront luxury hotel living was announced today when Starwood Capital Group and the LeFrak Organization introduced a dramatic new residential project on Miami Beach: The 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach. The residential units will sit atop the 1 Hotel, a 418-room hotel to be operated by SH Group, Starwood's hotel management company. The new brand, 1 Hotels, will celebrate nature and is being designed and will be operated with a firm eco-conscience. 1 Hotels was developed by the creative hotel genius of Starwood Capital Group Chairman and CEO, Barry Sternlicht, the former Chairman and CEO of Starwood Hotels & Resorts and creator of the widely successful W Hotels and St Regis hotel brands.

Barry Sternlicht is combining his talents with The LeFrak Organization's extensive real estate development expertise to bring to Miami a truly extraordinary property. Located at 2399 Collins Avenue, on the site of the hotel formerly known as The Gansevoort South, the new 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach will be among the first of the 1 Hotel branded residential properties and will introduce a healthy lifestyle living concept centered around nature and sustainability, living well and living smart with no sacrifice. This visionary collaboration is spending in excess of \$100 million to transform the existing 1970's structure into a LEED certified, environmentally conscious structure featuring stunning natural materials and finishes and lush landscaping. Most 1 Homes South Beach will feature beautiful panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean overlooking the properties 800 linear feet of beachfront. The project will include 163 residential units, available in 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom layouts, as well as amazing duplexes, that will range in size from 830 to 4,280 square-feet. The entire property and the residences have been retrofitted with new energy efficient casement windows and sliding glass doors onto private terraces and each unit will be equipped with ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances.

Award-winning Brazilian designer Debora Aguiar is creating a fresh, unique design for the residences and its common areas that resonate with the brand's core sustainable ethos. "Through the use of local natural materials, my team and I aim to transport the outside environment inside via living walls of green gardens and warm, soothing beach-inspired color palettes to create a feeling of sophisticated comfort," said Debora Aguiar. "Nature is always my inspiration where to find textures and new materials and combine them with contemporary design."

"LeFrak's partnership with Invesco and Starwood Capital signifies a new, collaborative relationship aimed to combine unique design, expertise in development and innovative hotel operating expertise in a mixed hotel and residential property," said Richard

LeFrak, Chairman and CEO of The LeFrak Organization. "We have complete confidence that our substantial investment in both the interior and exterior of the property combined with its many superb amenities and beachfront location will successfully transform 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach into one of the most desirable addresses in South Beach."

"This first branded residential property promises to be simply extraordinary. We will offer a new, improved way of living to eco-conscious residents who will have to sacrifice nothing. Our design uses the extraordinary natural beauty of the site and the gorgeous materials found in nature," said Barry Sternlicht, Starwood Capital Group Chairman and CEO. "Though completely private, with a separate porte cochere and lobby, 1 owners will have full access and share all the services and amenities of the adjacent 1 Hotel. The 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach will seek to enrich and enhance our owners and guests lifestyles by presenting a property and services not found anywhere else."

Residents of 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach will enjoy a collection of superior amenities, such as four ocean view swimming pools including its famous roof top pool as well as one of the largest pools in South Beach, a greater than 40,000 square foot spa and fitness center, three superb restaurants, unique shopping, and 24-hour in-home dining and concierge services. Residents can also take advantage of 800 feet of beachfront with private beach amenities

The property is located next door to the W South Beach and two blocks from The Setai hotel and residences in a neighborhood rich in retail, restaurants, culture and entertainment. It is only a short walk from the wealth of shopping and dining options on the famed Lincoln Road Mall and from the Frank Gehry-designed New World Center and the Bass Art Museum. It also offers easy access to gallery-lined streets in the Wynwood Art District and world-class shopping in Miami's Design District. Local real estate leader Fortune International was selected to head the sales and marketing efforts for 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach. An on-site sales center is set to open April 2013.

For more information, please visit www.1hotels.com/southbeach or call 305-361-5100.

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