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ORANGE LAKE RESORTS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING GROWTH *Association for Corporate Growth Selects Best Tourism-Hospitality 2013 Results*

ORLANDO, FLA. (May 13, 2014) – Orange Lake Resorts, home to the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® brand, with impressive double-digits of growth in several key areas, received the highest honor in the Tourism-Hospitality category during the ninth annual SMART Awards presented by the Orlando Chapter of the [Association for Corporate Growth](#) (ACG Orlando).

“Our growth as a company is an accomplishment we are incredibly proud to have achieved,” says Don Harrill, CEO of Orange Lake Resorts. “Unlike other companies during the economic downturn, we continued to thrive and prosper in our commitment to providing memorable vacation experiences for our owners and guests.”

Each year, ACG Orlando recognizes outstanding companies with annual sales of at least \$10 million, and not more than \$1 billion, for accomplishments in the previous fiscal or calendar year. From a field of 19 finalist companies, winners in seven industry award categories were announced May 8 during an awards luncheon attended by more than 200 executives in Orlando. Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges.

Spence Wilson, chairman of the board of Orange Lake Resorts, and son of the Holiday Inn® brand founder the late Kemmons Wilson, knows ACG through the long relationship Kemmons Wilson Companies has enjoyed with the Tennessee chapter. “Having the company receive this award was especially meaningful to us, as ACG is a great organization that puts business at the forefront of everything it does. They connect business leaders to professionals who are focused on identifying opportunities for middle market companies – opportunities that create jobs and, ultimately, drive the economic engines of our communities.”

Wilson's father founded Orange Lake Resorts in 1982 as a family-focused vacation ownership resort in Kissimmee, Fla. The resort has since evolved into a thriving, vast flagship location with more than 1,450 acres.

In addition, the company entered into a strategic alliance with IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) in 2008 to create the Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand and has since expanded into key regional locations across the U.S. There are 11 other resort destinations, each reflecting the area's local flavor.

Other companies recognized at the Orlando ACG event include:

- **Kavaliro** in Business & Professional Services
- **Sunshine Fitness Management** in Consumer Services & Products
- **Noble** in Healthcare
- **MBI Direct Mail, Inc.** in Media, Entertainment & Communications
- **iStorage** in Real Estate & Construction
- **AVT Simulation** in Simulation & Defense

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About the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® Brand

The Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand was created in 2008 as a strategic alliance between IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) and Orange Lake Resorts, a leader within the vacation ownership industry with more than 30 years of proven success. The Holiday Inn Club Vacations flagship property in Orlando, Fla., located next to Walt Disney World® Resort, was established in 1982 by Holiday Inn® brand founder Kemmons Wilson. Other resort locations include Lake Geneva, Wis., Cape Canaveral Beach, Panama City Beach and Marco Island, Fla., Brownsville, Vt., Myrtle Beach, S.C., Gatlinburg, Tenn., Galveston, Texas, Williamsburg, Va., and Las Vegas, Nev. For more information on the Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand or to book reservations, visit www.hiclubvacations.com. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/hiclubvacations or Twitter www.twitter.com/hiclubvacations,

About ACG

The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) is the global community for M&A and corporate growth professionals, helping connect capital with opportunity. ACG provides its members with the research, tools and networking opportunities to grow their businesses and themselves professionally. Founded in 1954, ACG has grown to more than 12,000 members from corporations, private equity, finance, and professional service firms representing Fortune 1000, FTSE 100, and mid-market companies in 53 chapters in North America and Europe. For more information, please visit www.acg.org.

About ACG Orlando

ACG Orlando was formed in 2004 by a volunteer organizing committee for the purpose of educating growing businesses in the Central Florida market and facilitating relationship building

between these companies, capital sources and professionals active in corporate finance in the Central Florida market. For more information, please visit <http://chapters.acg.org/orlando>.

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