

## **For immediate release:**

### **Penta Hospitality Principal Mukesh J. Mowji receives the 2007 Chairman's Award from CLIA.**

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Mukesh J. Mowji, former chairman of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) and principal at Penta Hospitality received the 2007 Chairman's Award from the California Lodging Industry Association (CLIA) and Mr. Don Turner, chairman of CLIA. "I am totally awed by this recognition as I feel there are many who are much more deserving of such an award" commented Mowji. "It's clearly an honor to be amongst those who have won this award in the past and it's a privilege to be considered in such high esteem by industry peers". "I have always been a supporter of regional and state level hospitality organizations and CLIA is clearly a leader in representing the California lodging industry. Mukesh, after leaving the chairman position at AAHOA has been active in speaking at various industry conferences and has been active in various industry associations.

About Asian American Hotel Owners Association:

The largest organization in the United States hospitality industry, AAHOA has nearly 8,000 members who together own more than 22,000 of the hotel properties in the nation. For more information, please call (404) 816-5759 or visit [www.aahoa.com](http://www.aahoa.com).

About California Lodging and Industry Association:

Headquartered in Sacramento, CLIA is California's 1,200 member lodging and hospitality industry association, providing legislative, educational, marketing, and profit-oriented programs for independent lodging owners and operators. CLIA is the largest independent state lodging association in the United States. For more information, please visit [www.CLIA.org](http://www.CLIA.org).

About Penta Hospitality:

California-based Penta Hospitality ([www.PentaHospitality.com](http://www.PentaHospitality.com)) is a dynamic and vertically integrated hotel and real estate investment, development and management company focused on the North American lodging and hospitality sector. With more than 1250 hotel rooms under operation or development, and additional rooms under contract, Penta Hospitality's principals represent a cutting-edge understanding of the hospitality industry and ownership in eight states. Penta Hospitality's name and mission share the ecosystem commitments with its key stakeholders - the investors, partners, associates, customers and environment - following their mantra, **THE ESSENCE OF HOSPITALITY**™. Anil R. Patel, Tarun S. patel, and Mukesh J. Mowji, are principals of Penta Hospitality.

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