



## **Industry Leaders of the Year**

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**2012 – Jay H. Shah**

Chief Executive Officer, Hersha Hospitality Trust

**2012 – Neil H. Shah**

President & Chief Operating Officer, Hersha Hospitality Trust

**2011 – Robert J. Habeeb**

President & Chief Executive Officer, First Hospitality Group

**2010 – John A. Belden (BA '85)**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Davidson Hotel Company

**2009 – Patrick M. Nesbitt, Sr.**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Windsor Capital Group, Inc.

**2008 – Bruce White**

Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, White Lodging Services Corporation

**2007 – Greg Sidwell, NCE**

President, G & J Marketing

**2006 – William P. Weidner (BA '67, MBA '68)**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Las Vegas Sands Corporation – The Venetian

**2005 – Thomas W. LaTour (BA '66)**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants

**2004 – Fred J. Kleisner (BA '66)**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Wyndham International, Inc.

**2003 – Lou Weckstein (BA '58)**

President, John Q. Hammons Hotels, Inc.

**2002 – James B. Singerling**

Chief Executive Officer & Executive Vice President, Club Managers Association of America

**2001 – J.W. Marriott, Jr.**

Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Marriott International, Inc.

**2000 – C.A. “Bud” Cataldo**

Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Hostmark Hospitality Group

**1999 – Michael A. Leven**

President & Chief Executive Officer, US Franchise Systems, Inc.

***1998 – H. P. Rama***

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, JHM Enterprises, Inc.  
Chairman, American Hotel & Motel Association

***1997 – Masatoshi Ito***

Honorary Chairman & Director, Ito-Yokado Group

***1996 – Kenneth F. Hine***

President & Chief Executive Officer, American Hotel & Motel Association

***1995 – Alan R. Plassche***

President & Chief Executive Officer, ComSource Independent Foodservice Companies, Inc.

***1994 – David Bouley***

Chef & Owner, Restaurant Bouley

***1993 – Nicholas S. Galanos***

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, TGI Friday's, Inc.

***1992 – Herman Cain***

President & Chief Executive Officer, Godfather's Pizza, President, National Restaurant Association

***1991 – Michael E. Hurst (BA '53)***

Owner, 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries, President, National Restaurant Association