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**Lanson Place Hotel has gained accolade as  
“CHINA BEST DESIGN HOTELS - THE JUDGE’S CHOICES” Award by The Bund 2009**

October 23, 2009, Hong Kong - Lanson Place Hospitality Management Limited ("Lanson Place" or the "Group"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of USI Holdings Limited (HKEx stock code: 369), is pleased to announce its Lanson Place Hotel has won a prestigious award, "China Best Design Hotels - The Judge's Choices", at a ceremony organized by The Bund . Lanson Place was the only hotel in Hong Kong to receive this recognition. The award reflects the boutique hotel's high quality accommodation and unparalleled dedication to service.

Lanson Place Hotel was also a finalist in another category "Best Business Hotels" at the same award ceremony hosted by The Bund, a leading publication in Shanghai with dynamic readers who are mostly frequent travelers and thought leaders. The award plaque was collected by Mr. Anson Chan, General Manager of Lanson Place Hotel, at an Award Dinner in Shanghai. This industry recognition follows numerous accolades given to the hotel since its opening in 2006. The property was of the first hotel in Hong Kong to be accepted into the "Small Luxury Hotels of the World" brand, and it has been awarded "Best Service Hotel" and "Best Asia Hotel" by HotelClub Awards Asia 2008, "Boutique Hotel of the Year" in SCMP / Harper's Bazaar StyleAwards 2007.

Miss Alison Roberts-Brown, Area Director – Asia Pacific for Small Luxury Hotels of the World, explained why Lanson Place won the Award: "Although this was a difficult category to judge because of the quality of all the nominated hotels, Lanson Place stood out due to its high standards of excellence in both its hardware and software and attention to detail across all areas of operation."

Miss Roberts-Brown added: "The design and layout of the hotel has created a chic and stylish sanctuary in the heart of Hong Kong. It really is a home away from home – in one of the best locations in town. However, hotels are so much more than bricks and mortar. The levels of service and attention to detail at Lanson Place always exceed guests' expectations, and combined with the impeccable design and comfort, it is no surprise that it is the hotel of choice for discerning travellers – whether they are travelling for business or pleasure. One of the challenges facing hotels in mainland China today is the recruitment and retention of quality staff. Anson Chan has built an incredibly strong team which is testament to his leadership. We are very proud that

Lanson Place is part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World brand.”

Mr. Anson Chan was proud to receive the award in Shanghai from Miss Roberts-Brown. Mr Chan says "We are honored to have received such accolades from the best possible judges and also the guests who have been to our hotel. Leveraging our boutique and personalized services and recognition amongst repeated guests or someone referred by frequent travelers, we are confident the hotel will continue to sustain impressive growth in quality service and attain more recognition." The other 4 winning hotels include two from Beijing, one from Shanghai and one from Guangdong.

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