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ANGELA GONZALEZ-ROWE
Founder/President
Hispanic Hotel Owners Association

Angela Gonzalez-Rowe, active in the hospitality industry since 1998, is the founder and president of the Hispanic Hotel Owners Association and serves as the associate publisher and editor-in-chief of *Hispanic Meetings & Travel* magazine, the only magazine dedicated to the Hispanic meetings, convention and tourism market. She has spent the past ten years advocating for the advancement of the Latino community within the hospitality industry.

Her latest endeavor is the Hispanic Hotel Owners Association, a non-profit association whose mission is to increase opportunities for Hispanics to own, develop and operate hotels, as well as to advance Hispanic-owned suppliers serving the hotel industry and to increase management advancement opportunities within the lodging industry. Formed in September 2006, it has amassed over 275 members and has launched the "Hotel Investment Series," a seminar that brings together industry executives to educate ultra-high-net-worth Latinos about the investment opportunities that exist in the lodging industry.

Ms. Gonzalez-Rowe is involved in the International Association of Hispanic Meeting Professionals (IAHMP) and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and serves on the diversity boards of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, Hilton Hotels Corporation, the American Hotel & Lodging Association and ASAE. Ms. Gonzalez-Rowe also serves on the corporate advisory boards for the U.S. Hispanic Advocacy Association and IAHMP.

Ms. Gonzalez-Rowe has been a guest lecturer at the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management and a participant in the "Future of Tourism Forum" at Temple University's School of Tourism & Hospitality Management. In addition, she has been highlighted in various industry publications and has also appeared on *Hispanics Today*, a nationally syndicated television program that reaches over 27 million viewers each week.

Ms. Gonzalez-Rowe is strongly committed to helping grow the number of Hispanic hotel owners, operators, and developers. She is a strong advocate for the advancement of Hispanics in the hospitality industry. Ms. Gonzalez-Rowe has a Bachelor of Science degree in American Jurisprudence from the University of Houston and recently completed corporate governance training from the Harvard Business School.