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ALIS will announce the award winners on January 28 at the [JW Marriott](#) in DTLA.

LOS ANGELES-ALIS has announced the finalists for its 2013 **hospitality** awards, which honor the top executives and companies in the hospitality industry. The awards ceremony will take place January 28 at the **JW Marriott** during the ALIS conference.

In the development category, ALIS has nominated the **Hyatt Place** and the **Fairfield Inn & Suites** in Chicago, **the Courtyard and Residence Inn** in New York and the **Langham Chicago**. Developed by **White Lodging** and **Friedman Properties**, the Hyatt Place and Fairfield Inn opened in June 2013 and has 664 rooms. The 639-room Courtyard and Residence Inn opened in December 2013 in Central Park, and is the tallest stand-alone hotel in the country. Finally, the 316-room Langham Chicago was designed by **Mies Van Der Rohe** in July 2013 in the former IBM Building.

For transaction of the year, the nominees are **Rockpoint Group** and **Ohana Real Estate's** \$185-million sale of the 354-room **Bacara Resort and Spa**, **Carey Watermark Investors'** \$133.8-million **acquisition** of **Hawks Cay Resort** and **Ashford Hospitality Trusts'** \$90-million purchase of the **Pier House Resort & Spa**.

ALIS's remaining categories are merger of the year and financial advisor of the year. **BRE Select Hotels Corp.'s acquisition** of **Apple REIT Six** for \$1.2 billion, **Hyatt Hotels Corp.'s** \$325 million investment in **Playa Hotels & Resorts** and **Ashford Hospitality Trusts'** launch of **Ashford Hospitality Prime** for existing stakeholders, which had an aggregate value of \$1 billion are among ALIS's nominees for merger of the year; and **Jacques E. Brand**, co-head of corporate finance at **Deutsche Bank**, **Mark E. Schoenholtz**, managing director of **Eastdil Secured** and **John Strauss** managing director at **Jones Lang LaSalle** are among the nominees for financial advisor of the year.

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