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## Oakwood Worldwide Strengthens Senior Executive Team, Craig Simmons New SVP, CHRO

*Simmons first executive appointed by new Oakwood Worldwide CEO Chris Ahearn*

**LOS ANGELES – May 31, 2017** – Oakwood Worldwide®, the global leader in corporate housing and serviced apartment solutions, is pleased to welcome seasoned HR executive Craig Simmons as senior vice president (SVP) and chief human resources officer (CHRO) for the global organization. Simmons will report directly to Chris Ahearn, CEO, Oakwood Worldwide.

“I am pleased to have someone as talented and as experienced as Craig join the senior leadership team,” said Ahearn. “Craig will play an essential role as we start a new era of global growth. He will be a key member of my executive committee, a strong leader for our global HR organization and a strategic business partner for our leadership team. He brings with him a diverse background in HR, organizational development, consulting and legal experience, all of which make him a great addition to Oakwood Worldwide.”

Simmons has more than 25 years’ experience and was most recently CHRO for American Apparel. In that role he implemented company-wide strategic initiatives, provided guidance and mentoring to a world-class HR team and led the organization through challenging change initiatives. He has been an HR leader for the Screen Actors Guild Pension & Health Plans, Catholic Healthcare West, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Nestlé and has had his own consulting company.

He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law, his master’s degree from Georgetown University and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California.

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