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## Firm News – July 29, 2016

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A roundup of recent expansions, additions, new services and other news from firms across the country.

### BOLIVIA

**Barea Vargas & Asociados**, La Paz, has joined global accounting network **HLB International**. Established in 1995, the firm provides audit services.

### CALIFORNIA

**Haskell & White LLP**, Irvine, has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Orange County for the fifth year in a row by the *Orange County Business Journal* and **Best Companies Group**. It ranked No. 3 among mid-sized companies. ... **Intacct** is expanding its corporate headquarters, adding a fourth floor at Riverpark II in downtown San Jose.

### FLORIDA

The **Institute of Internal Auditors**, Altamonte Springs, announced its 2016-2017 Global Board of Directors: **Angela Witzany** will serve as chair; **J. Michael Peppers** as senior vice chair; **Charlotta Lofstrand Hjelm** as vice chair for professional certifications; **Naohiro Mouri** as vice chair of professional practices; **Charles T. Wright** as vice chair of professional guidance; **Karem Toufic Obeid** as vice chair of global services; **Frank M. O'Brien** as vice chair of research; **J. Michael Joyce** as vice chair of finance/treasurer; and **Larry Harrington** as immediate past chair and **Anton van Wyk** as immediate past global chair.

### GEORGIA

**PrimeGlobal North America** has named two new North American members to its World Board of Directors: **Bert Mills**, managing partner of Moore Colson, and **Elaine Pantel**, principal of Shimmerman Penn LLP.

### ILLINOIS

The U.S. levies one of the lowest property purchase taxes in the world on prime real estate, charging on average 0.6 percent, or \$6,000, in tax on a property purchase of \$1 million, according to a new study by **UHY**. That's far lower than the global average of 3.3 percent (\$33,038) for properties worth \$1 million. For more, visit [the UHY site](#). ... **Sikich LLP**, Naperville, has been named one of the 2016 Best Places to Work in Illinois by *The Daily Herald Business Ledger* and the **Human Resources Management Association of Chicago**, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, MRA-The Management Association, the Small Business Advocacy Council, the Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce and Best Companies Group. The firm ranked No. 4, up from No. 7 last year.

### MASSACHUSETTS

**Remote Quality Bookkeeping**, Bridgewater, has formed an alliance with **The Profit Experts**, Allen, Texas, to use the latter's forecasting software to help its clients better manage cash flow/profits and operations.

### SAN MARINO

**Studio Commerciale Antonio Valentini**, Dogana, has joined global accounting network **HLB International**. Established in 1994, the firm provides accounting, tax services, general consultancy and administrative assistance as well as strategic and business planning.

### VIRGINIA

The **National Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation** announced the 32 student winners of its annual scholarship awards. ([See the story.](#))