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Gumbiner Savett Inc. "Scaled New Heights" in Santiago, Chile

Santa Monica, CA – Silicon Beach Certified Public/Chartered Accounting Firm Gumbiner Savett Inc. was among the more than 160 member firms attending BKR International's Annual Worldwide Meeting, held this year in Santiago, Chile, November 12-15. Gumbiner Savett Inc. is a member of BKR International, a leading global association of independent accounting and business advisory firms.

"As the country's cultural, political, and commercial center, Santiago proved to be the perfect venue for BKR's 2016 worldwide conference," said Maureen Schwartz, BKR's Executive Director. Program content included a keynote by Dr. Jerry Haar, a clinical professor in the Department of Management & International Business at Florida International University. Jerry, together with a panel of experts from *The Economist* Intelligence Unit and SAP Latin America, discussed the latest management initiatives being adopted by successful businesses throughout Latin America.

Other program highlights included a presentation by Javier Irarrázaval, general manager of The Walt Disney Company in Chile, who discussed the value of happiness in achieving maximum productivity and job satisfaction. Marketing expert, Felipe Uribe, spoke about trends in digital and social media marketing, while global leadership and change expert, Juan Carlos Eichholz, discussed how successful young leaders predict and manage technological, economic, and environmental changes. Juan Carlos is also credited with starting the Young Leaders Network, whose members are made up of the most influential people in the country under 35 years old.

Valerie Colin, a Gumbiner Savett Tax Shareholder, said, "In order to sustain an independent and thriving organization, everyone in our firm needs to learn skills beyond the trade. It is also important to Gumbiner Savett that we stay abreast of current industry trends on behalf of our clients. BKR International always provides speakers and networking opportunities that keeps us at the forefront of the profession."

With the theme of "Scaling New Heights," BKR's Worldwide Meeting revealed optimism and energy for the future of global public accounting. Members networked with international business leaders, bankers, lawyers, and local CEOs and entrepreneurs for a fresh perspective on trade and commerce. Host firm, Ossandón Auditores Consultores, arranged a business development cocktail reception, and members invited their Santiago contacts as well, resulting in more than a few global connections and future business opportunities.

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We are dedicated to being the preeminent assurance, tax and business advisory firm for growth oriented businesses, middle market enterprises and high-net worth individuals in Southern California. In addition to traditional private and public company accounting and tax services, we specialize in general business consulting, estate and trust planning, fraud examination studies, business services and bookkeeping and litigation support.

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