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### **Zaya Younan Accepts 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Honors Mechanical Engineering Alumnus**

**Los Angeles, April 20, 2016** -- Zaya S. Younan, Chairman and CEO of Younan Properties, Inc., has been selected as a recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U of I), Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering (MechSE). The prestigious honor is awarded annually to exceptional alumni. A special ceremony will be held in Champaign on Friday, April 22.

“This award recognizes our alumni who have distinguished themselves in a professional or technical capacity, which has brought honor to the department and the U of I,” said Anthony M. Jacobi, Head and Kritzer Distinguished Professor, MechSE. “Only one percent of our alumni have received this award and we are honored to add Mr. Younan’s name to this elite group.”

Zaya Younan commented, “The rigors of the U of I Engineering program and the discipline it instilled, provided a solid foundation for my management career that spanned multiple industries and companies including TRW, General Motors and Johnson Controls. This same discipline was applied when I entered the commercial real estate industry, and today Younan Properties is recognized for significant leadership, operational performance and efficiency management.”

Founded in 2002, Younan Properties makes principal investments and provides asset management services for Class A office assets, retail centers, golf courses and luxury resorts on behalf of private, corporate and institutional investment. Through successful acquisitions and strategic dispositions, the company has assembled a fully scalable, international platform. In 2015, the Company made its first investment in France through its newly-formed international subsidiary, La Grande Maison Younan Collection, which acquires luxury resort properties. By mid-year 2016, the Company will have acquired five historic hotels and golf courses throughout France.

#### **Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

The Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering offers top-ranked degree programs in engineering mechanics, mechanical engineering, and theoretical and applied mechanics. Our curricula offer students unparalleled strengths in key fundamental areas, such as fluid and solid mechanics, thermodynamics and heat transfer, dynamics and controls, biomechanical sciences, computational science, applied math, applied physics, and chemistry.

Zaya Younan Biography & Photo Attached

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