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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS CHRIS TATUM TO VICE PRESIDENT OF NORTH ASIA, HAWAII AND SOUTH PACIFIC

HONOLULU – December 21, 2009 - Marriott International, Inc (NYSE: MAR) has appointed Chris Tatum to Vice President in charge of the company's portfolio of hotels and resorts in North Asia, Hawaii and South Pacific. He will report to Geoff Garside, Executive Vice President for Asia and Pacific in Hong Kong.

Tatum succeeds Ed Hubennette who is relocating to Great Britain to assume the position of Area Vice President, UK South and Ireland for Marriott International. Hubennette will be responsible for managing the day-to-day business of 28 hotels in London, South of London, and Ireland effective January 2, 2010.

Raised in Hawaii and a graduate of Radford High School on Oahu, Tatum joined Marriott in 1981 as a member of the Maui Marriott opening team. During his 28 years with Marriott, he held leadership positions in the United States, Asia, and Australia, including the opening Resident Manager at the JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, opening General Manager of the Brisbane Marriott Hotel in Australia, General Manager of the Renaissance Wailea Resort Maui and General Manager of the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa on Oahu. He is currently the General Manager of the 1,310-room Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa where he received the Marriott International General Manager of the Year Award in 2006.

In his new role, Tatum will be responsible for leading the strategic planning and operations at 31 properties with brands including JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts in the luxury tier; Marriott Hotels & Resorts and Renaissance Hotels & Resorts in the upscale deluxe tier; Courtyard by Marriott Hotels in the upper moderate category; and Marriott Executive Apartments for extended-stay travelers. The hotels are located in Hawaii, Australia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, and Guam. He will be based with the rest of his team in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Tatum is currently Chairman of the Oahu Visitors Bureau and Chair-elect of the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association. He also serves on the boards of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, Waikiki Improvement Association, Waikiki Community Center, and Waikiki Business District Improvement Center.



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Tatum received his Bachelor of Arts degree in hotel and restaurant management from Michigan State University. During his leisure time, he enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife and their two children.

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE:MAR) is a leading lodging company with more than 3,300 lodging properties in 68 countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the *Marriott*, *JW Marriott*, *The Ritz-Carlton*, *Renaissance*, *Residence Inn*, *Courtyard*, *TownePlace Suites*, *Fairfield Inn*, *SpringHill Suites* and *Bulgari* brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the *Marriott Vacation Club*, *The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club*, *The Ritz-Carlton Residences* and *Grand Residences by Marriott* brands; operates *Marriott Executive Apartments*; provides furnished corporate housing through its *Marriott ExecuStay* division; and operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, USA and had approximately 146,000 employees at 2008 year-end. It is recognized by FORTUNE® as one of the best companies to work for, and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Partner of the Year since 2004. In fiscal year 2008, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of nearly \$13 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at www.marriott.com. For an interactive online version of Marriott's 2008 Annual Report, which includes a short video message from Chairman and CEO J.W. Marriott, Jr., visit www.marriott.com/investor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: JPG images of all resorts and of Chris Tatum are available upon request.

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