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**CHRIS TATUM OF WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA  
NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR  
BY MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**

**HONOLULU, HAWAII** – Chris Tatum, general manager of the 1,310-room Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa ([www.marriottwaikiki.com](http://www.marriottwaikiki.com)) was recently presented with the coveted “2007 Marriott International General Manager of the Year Award” at this year’s annual full-service general managers conference in San Francisco. Mr. Tatum was pleasantly surprised to learn of the honor.



“The award represents the outstanding efforts of the entire team at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa. I am very proud and honored to receive such a prestigious award on behalf of all of our associates,” said Mr. Tatum.

The award is given to a general manager who has demonstrated exemplary and courageous leadership, made extraordinary contributions to business and serves as a role model for professional expertise, innovation and high achievement.

“Chris is well-deserving of the award and we whole-heartedly congratulate him,” said Ed Hubennette, area vice president of Japan, Hawaii and the South Pacific. “This is certainly a milestone in his 26-year career with Marriott International and he is highly regarded among his colleagues, the company and the hotel owners.”

Under Mr. Tatum’s leadership, he was able to execute an ambitious business plan that focused on RevPar growth and increased revenues. He was also praised specifically for improving areas in guest satisfaction and fostering goodwill in the community through Marriott’s Spirit to Serve Our Communities corporate program.

He was named general manager of Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa last March. Prior to relocating, he was at JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa.

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Mr. Tatum began his career with Marriott in 1981 and has held management positions in 13 different hotels throughout the United States and Asia. Born and raised in Hawaii, Tatum graduated from Radford High School on Oahu. He 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 Peg and their two children.

*Photo Caption: (From Left to Right) Ed Fuller, president and managing director of International Lodging, Marriott International, J.W. Marriott, Jr., chairman and CEO of Marriott International, Chris Tatum, general manager of Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, Bill Shaw, president and chief operating officer of Marriott International, and Bob McCarthy, president of North American Lodging, Marriott International.*

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**Editor's Note:** Photo of Chris Tatum and high-resolution version of the above photo are available upon request.

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