



Marriott International Announces Sale of its Interest In the Laguna Beach Colony for \$190 Million

WASHINGTON, June 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Marriott International, Inc. today announced the sale of its interest in the Laguna Beach Colony to Laguna Beach Resorts LLC for approximately \$190M in cash.

The Laguna Beach Colony, currently under development, is a thirty-acre, master-planned resort and residential project located along the Pacific coast in Laguna Beach, California. The primary components of the project will include a 260-room ultra-luxury resort hotel, fourteen residential estate lots and fourteen residential condominiums. Laguna Beach Resorts LLC is a newly formed entity comprised of hotelier Alan Fuerstman, the Athens Group and other private investors. The resort hotel will be operated by Mr. Fuerstman's new hotel company, Montage Hotels and Resorts.

Arne M. Sorenson, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Marriott International, said, "We are pleased with our continued demonstrated success in recycling capital. So far in 2002, Marriott has sold real estate assets totaling approximately \$490 million."

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC., a leading worldwide hospitality company celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2002, has nearly 2,600 operating units in the United States and 64 other 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 Ramada International brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club International, Horizons, The Ritz-Carlton Club and Marriott Grand Residence Club brands; operates Marriott Executive Apartments; provides furnished corporate housing through its Marriott ExecuStay division; and operates conference centers. Other Marriott businesses include senior living communities and services, wholesale food distribution and synthetic fuel. The company is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and has approximately 142,500 employees. In fiscal year 2001, Marriott International reported systemwide sales of \$20 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at <http://www.marriott.com>.

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