

MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB INTERNATIONAL'S DWIGHT SMITH RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF COMPUTERWORLD'S 2008 PREMIER 100 IT LEADERS **Recognized by IDG's Computerworld for Excellence in Information Technology Leadership**

ORLANDO, Fla. – January 3, 2008 – *Marriott Vacation Club International* (MVCI), the vacation ownership division of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR), announced today that Dwight Smith, Senior Vice President and Business Unit Chief Information Officer, has been named as one of Computerworld's 2008 Premier 100 IT Leaders.

Computerworld's 2008 Premier 100 IT Leaders honors the 100 IT executives who have led their organizations by mentoring and motivating employees; envisioning innovative solutions to business challenges; and effectively managing and executing IT strategies. The 2008 Honorees will be recognized, with many presenting their success strategies, at Computerworld's upcoming Premier 100 IT Leaders Conference held March 9-11, 2008, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Fla.

The complete class of Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2008 appears online at www.premier100.com and in the Dec. 10, 2007, issue of *Computerworld* (www.computerworld.com). In addition to the class roster, a special report highlights the challenges IT leaders expect to face in 2008, including developing their staff's skills, mapping current IT initiatives with the top priorities of their CEOs and driving innovation.

Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders Conference involves companies across all industries, as well as government and educational organizations. This year's recipients were selected from nearly 800 nominees, who were measured against *Computerworld's* IT Leadership Index, a set of characteristics that describes executives who guide the effective use of IT in their organizations, and evaluated by the editors and by a panel of outside judges. The candidates were asked about a range of topics, including their backgrounds, work experiences, special accomplishments and leadership styles.

Under Smith's leadership, his team of over 220 associates design and build applications that deliver globally integrated and agile solutions in support of Marriott Vacation Club International's four brands operating in more than 50 resorts throughout the world. MVCI's business initiatives are shaped and enabled by technology. Woven throughout MVCI's corporate strategy is a value of building one-to-one customer relationships. As a "business technologist," Smith's strength is in understanding all aspects of this strategy and determining how technology can be used to support it. His focus is not on a single initiative, but rather on the long-term success of all initiatives tied to the company's business strategy and goals.

"Marriott Vacation Club International would not be the industry leading organization it is today without the hard work and dedication of our outstanding IT department. Dwight has built an incredible team of associates who provide the enterprise solutions, technology and support critical to a global business of our size and complexity," said Stephen P. Weisz, president of Marriott Vacation Club International. "I am very proud of Dwight's leadership as our Senior Vice President and Business Unit Chief Information Officer and the recognition and distinction this honor brings to him is well deserved."

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Crafted by the publication’s editors, Computerworld’s Premier 100 IT Leaders Conference is a unique and compelling departure from the standard technology conference. Rather than focusing on vendors and products, the spotlight is on great ideas, strategic use of best practices and real-world leadership from the IT and business executives who are advancing their organizations through technology.

"This year's class of Honorees is characterized by a diversity that demonstrates the value of unique backgrounds and approaches in building an outstanding IT organization. Yet what these individuals have in common is an expertise born of hard work and an intangible leadership quality they can tap to successfully champion IT not only as a business enabler, but as a business influencer," said Scot Finnie, editor-in-chief, *Computerworld*. "The professionals honored in Computerworld's 2008 Premier 100 IT Leaders Awards Program, and by extension the organizations they represent, are clearly mindful of their role and obligation as leaders of the global IT community. Their willingness to brave the scrutiny of the limelight as they share their experiences with their peers has won our respect, appreciation, and deep admiration."

About Marriott Vacation Club International

As the interval ownership division of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR), Marriott Vacation Club International is a premier provider of vacation and leisure experiences for approximately 360,000 owners. Since entering the timeshare industry in 1984, Marriott has earned its position as the recognized innovator and leader in vacation and fractional ownership products worldwide. Since that time, the company has segmented the industry to offer distinct vacation and real estate offerings, each based on the unique needs and desires of customers. The brands are: Marriott Vacation Club, Horizons by Marriott Vacation Club, Grand Residences by Marriott and The Ritz-Carlton Club, as well as select whole ownership developments. Today, MVCI is enjoying its 11th consecutive year of 20 percent average annual growth, and in 2006 alone, hit a new industry sales record by reaching \$1.83 billion in sales. For information, please visit www.marriottvacationclub.com or www.ritzcarltonclub.com.

About Computerworld

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