

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB APPOINTS GENERAL MANAGER AT MARRIOTT'S OCEANA PALMS – THE PALM BEACHES**

ORLANDO, Fla. – August 31, 2009 – Marriott Vacation Club, the premier timeshare brand of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE: MAR) – has appointed Joseph Smith as general manager of *Marriott's Oceana Palms - The Palm Beaches* on Singer Island in Riviera Beach, Fla..

Smith is now responsible for Marriott Vacation Club's newest resort which offers the ideal pairing of oceanfront living with the luxurious Palm Beach area lifestyle. Scheduled to open early 2010, the initial phase of Marriott's Oceana Palms will include 75 (out of a proposed 169 upon build-out) perfectly appointed two-bedroom, two-bath villas with stunning balcony views of graceful sailboats and stunning sunrises. Each villa boasts a fully-equipped kitchen with granite countertops, glass tile backsplash and stainless steel appliances; spacious living and dining areas; oversized shower in master suite; multiple flat-panel televisions and DVD players; washer/dryer and internet accessibility. Two-bedroom villas can accommodate up to 8 guests.

Smith began his career with Marriott in 1997 at the Residence Inn Las Vegas Convention Center where he served as front desk agent. A year later, Smith progressed to manager in training at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, Calif. and then was quickly promoted to housekeeping manager at the Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, Calif. In 2001, Smith joined Marriott Vacation Club as the director of services at Marriott's Shadow Ridge in Palm Desert, Calif. where he was named manager of the year in 2002. Over the next three years, Smith served as front office manager at Marriott's Desert Springs Villas in Palm Desert and senior manager of operations at Marriott Vacation Club International's corporate headquarters in Orlando, Fla. In 2006, Smith left the company for a short period of time and served as director of hospitality operations for Centex Destination Properties.

In his most recent role, Smith held the position of vice president of operations for TerraMesa Resorts, LLC located in Orlando where he was in charge of overseeing the daily operation of six resort communities.

"Joe's knowledge and wide range of experience, combined with his strong personal commitment to excellence, will be instrumental in guiding Marriott's Oceana Palms to tremendous success and creating great experiences for our Owners and guests," said Troy Asche, regional vice president of customer experience for the Florida-Caribbean region.

A native of Southern California, Smith currently resides in Orlando and will be relocating to the Palm Beach area with his wife, Gayle, and two daughters, Fayth and Isabella. Smith holds his Bachelor of Science degree in hotel and restaurant management from The University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Nev.

About Marriott Vacation Club

Marriott Vacation Club is the recognized worldwide leader in vacation ownership with a program highly regarded for its quality and unique flexibility. Celebrating 25 years of unforgettable vacations; Marriott became the first branded hospitality company by nearly a decade to enter the timeshare industry in 1984.



Marriott Vacation Club continues to expand with a diverse portfolio of more than 11,000 timeshare resort villas throughout the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Today, more than 395,000 Owner families around the globe own their vacations “the Marriott way,” offering options to exchange weeks with priority within the Marriott Vacation Club portfolio or within Interval International’s global system of more than 2,400 resorts in over 75 countries, trade their week(s) for Marriott Rewards points, or rent their week(s). For more information, please visit www.marriottvacationclub.com. For nightly rentals, please visit www.marriott.com.

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