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GREEN IS “KEY” AT MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB
Global Timeshare Brand Continues Commitment to Green Operations

ORLANDO, Fla. – August 17, 2009 – Marriott Vacation Club, the premiere timeshare brand of Marriott International (NYSE:MAR) and the recognized worldwide leader in vacation ownership, is not allowing a single key card to go to waste. Resorts have begun replacing the 1.2 million plastic key cards purchased annually with those made of 50 percent recycled material, saving approximately 4 tons of plastic from being dumped in landfills.

The new key card is just one of many advances the brand has made to help reduce its global environmental footprint. More than 800,000 guest arrival pieces, which are printed annually in the U.S. and distributed to Owners and guests upon check-in, are now printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper and purchased from an FSC certified paper merchant. The FSC is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests, ensuring that the paper meets strict standards in each step of the paper production and printing of the collateral.

Furthermore, Marriott Vacation Club resorts have switched to pens made of 74 percent pre-consumer recycled material. More than 1.5 million pens are purchased annually, which equates to approximately 9 tons. Each eco-friendly pen has 1.2 miles of write-out, allowing the pen to be used longer before it is eventually discarded.

“Continuing to eliminate more waste from landfills and find innovative ways to ‘green’ our supply chain only strengthens our commitment to being an industry leader in environmental stewardship,” said Dirk Schavemaker, senior vice president of resort operations for Marriott Vacation Club. “We firmly believe that it is our responsibility to demonstrate how responsible resort management can be a positive force for the environment.”

The more than 50 Marriott Vacation Club resorts worldwide have installed energy efficient lighting, low-flow showerheads and toilets, and participate in a robust resort-wide recycling program. In addition to the corporate senior-level green committee established to lead division-wide environmental efforts at Marriott Vacation Club International’s corporate headquarters, each Marriott Vacation Club resort has formed its own “green team” which carries out and oversees environmental efforts at the site level. Marriott Vacation Club International (MVICI) began the journey to reduce the division’s carbon footprint in February 2008 with the launch of its MVICI Green Initiative at its corporate headquarters with continued roll-out to its corporate offices and resorts worldwide.

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 providing 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.

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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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