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2009 BRINGS INNOVATION AND GROWTH TO MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB RESORTS IN THE SOUTHWEST

Marriott's Shadow Ridge in Palm Desert Debuts New Villa Design

Orlando, Fla. – April 7, 2009 – Marriott Vacation Club International (MVCI), the recognized worldwide leader in the vacation ownership industry and a division of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR), announces the brand's latest villa design at [Marriott's Shadow Ridge](#) in Palm Desert, Calif. along with the opening of additional villas at [Marriott's Canyon Villas at Desert Ridge](#) in Phoenix, Ariz. As Marriott Vacation Club celebrates 25 years of delivering unforgettable vacation experiences this year, the brand continues to demonstrate its leadership position in the industry through product innovation and continued growth.

Marriott's Shadow Ridge

The modern and stylish new villas at [Marriott's Shadow Ridge](#) reveal the brand's latest innovation in villa design with 73 additional two-bedroom, two-bath villas. The new deluxe lock-off concept features an open and flexible design with two completely separate living rooms, balconies and a kitchen and kitchenette, allowing guests to divide villas into two separate accommodations. Each spacious villa ranges from approximately 1,110 to 1,330 square feet and includes a fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and custom cabinets; generous living and dining areas; luxurious bedding; multiple flat-panel televisions with DVD players; private balcony; washer/dryer and Wi-Fi internet access.

Owners and guests have called the new layout "contemporary" and "high end" while describing the ambiance as "uplifting" with a stronger preference for the new design over the original. Designed principally based upon input from Owners, [Marriott Vacation Club](#) continues to deliver resorts with amenities that its Owners value and expect. The brand expects to implement this new villa design at future Marriott Vacation Club resorts, worldwide. Elements of the new villa design have also been implemented at the three [Marriott Vacation Club resorts](#) currently under development in Florida.

Adding onto the vacation resort's existing 424 two-bedroom villas, the new villas bring the total unit count to 497 out of a proposed 984 villas upon build out. The new phase also brings on two pools; two whirlpool spas; a children's splash zone and beach play area; Snake Bites Bar & Grill; and a nearly two-acre recreational park featuring multiple mosaic stone and tile water features scattered throughout.

Located in the heart of Palm Desert, the resort boasts Marriott's Shadow Ridge Golf Club, the first Nick Faldo-designed championship golf course in the U.S., and the Faldo Golf Institute by Marriott. Owners and guests can perfect their game at the Faldo Golf Institute which provides a comprehensive instructional environment for golfers of all skill levels. The elegant sophistication and surrounding natural beauty of the Palm Springs area make this oasis a coveted vacation destination boasting endless recreation, world class dining and shopping, along with luxurious spa offerings. Marriott's Shadow Ridge is a 10 mile drive from Palm Springs International Airport.

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Marriott's Canyon Villas at Desert Ridge

[Marriott's Canyon Villas](#) is located in the heart of Desert Ridge, a 5,700-acre master planned community which includes the spectacular 950-room JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Nick Faldo and Arnold Palmer designed championship golf courses, biking and walking trails, tennis facility and various retail and community amenities within the city of Phoenix.

Adding onto the existing 159 two-bedroom villas, the new villas bring Marriott's Canyon Villas total unit count to 213 out of a proposed 252 villas upon completion, each with approximately 1,260 square feet of living space. Each villa features a fully-equipped kitchen with granite countertops, spacious living and dining areas, multiple flat-panel televisions and DVD players, washer/dryer and Wi-Fi internet accessibility. Furthermore, the new phase brings on an expanded pool bar and grill offering new menu items and additional seating, as well as new adult pool and courtyard area with multiple barbeque areas and a fire pit.

Year-round, visitors are attracted to the Phoenix area where the landscape provides active vacationers with memorable adventures and experiences through golf, horseback riding, hiking, biking and hot air ballooning. The spectacular scenic road trips emphasize the great variety of Arizona's landscape, history, flora and fauna. Known for its breathtaking skies, the destination offers spectacular sunsets, sunrises, lightening displays and star-filled evening skies. Marriott's Canyon Villas is a 30-minute drive from Sky Harbor International Airport.

"We are thrilled to be able to announce the additional villas at both [Marriott's Shadow Ridge](#) and Marriott's Canyon Villas for our Owners and guests to enjoy," said Jane Berg, regional vice president of customer experience for the West region. "The new villa design at Shadow Ridge reflects a lot of valued input from our Owners and guests and it has already received rave reviews. I know the additional amenities at both resorts will also greatly enhance our Owner's and guest's vacation experiences."

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. In 1984, Marriott became the first branded hospitality company by nearly a decade to enter the timeshare industry. Marriott Vacation Club continues to expand with a diverse portfolio of over 10,600 timeshare resort villas throughout the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Today, more than 392,000 vacation owners 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 2,300 resorts in over 75 countries, trade their week(s) for Marriott Rewards points, or rent their week(s). For more information on ownership, please visit www.marriott-vacations.com. For nightly rentals please visit www.marriott.com.

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