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**HARD HAT TOUR GIVES EXCLUSIVE GLIMPSE AT
JW MARRIOTT'S LARGEST RESORT IN THE WORLD**

***JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa
Begins One-Year Countdown to Texas' Best***

SAN ANTONIO – January 27, 2009 – JW Marriott proves that everything really is bigger in Texas as it celebrates the one-year countdown to the opening of the largest JW Marriott in the world, the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, opening spring of 2010.

Surrounded by the foothills of the Texas Hill Country, JW Marriott executives today invited San Antonio officials, other project partners and area business leaders to get an exclusive glimpse at the progress of this highly anticipated resort that will boost the economic growth of the northern San Antonio area by adding value and growing the city's reputation as a premiere golf destination.

Resort General Manager Arthur Coulombe, joined by Bexar County Judge Nelson T. Wolff, Dave Johnstone from Miller Global Properties, John Pierret from Forestar Group Inc. and PGA TOUR executive Jimmy Terry, toured the facility and discussed the significance of such an important construction project for San Antonio.

"We are presenting a countdown to Texas' best," said Arthur Coulombe, General Manager for the resort. "The foundation is now set for a premier property that will be Texas' best and most luxurious resort, with the state's premier meeting and convention space, world-class spa and water park, and outstanding restaurants –in addition to the property being amongst the world's best golf resorts."

The JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa boasts 1,002 richly appointed guest rooms with expansive views of the Texas Hill Country terrain. Located less than 20 minutes from San Antonio International Airport, the Resort will also offer world-class amenities including an extraordinary six-acre water park, a 26,000-square-foot spa, seven restaurant and lounge options, and one of the largest event and convention spaces offered by a resort in the world, with the more than 140,000 square feet of customizable exhibit halls and meeting spaces.

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“A great amount of research went into determining what would truly make this resort best in class,” said Dave Johnstone, Executive Vice President, Miller Global Properties. “I am proud to say that this will be among the top resorts that the world has to offer.”

The Resort’s 36-holes of Tournament Players Club (TPC) championship golf is one of the most highly anticipated among golf resorts, with its two challenging courses and scenic views. The design powers behind these courses are two of golf’s most legendary names – Pete Dye for the AT&T Canyons Course and Greg Norman for the AT&T Oaks Course. Both courses are being built with the needed infrastructure to host PGA TOUR tournaments. The Norman-designed AT&T Oaks Course was recently announced as the new venue for the Valero Texas Open in May 2010. TPC San Antonio is only accessible to club members and guests of the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa.

Construction of the resort began in mid-2007 on a 2,800 acre parcel in North Central San Antonio called Cibolo Canyons, which also includes a master-planned community and a 100 acre bird sanctuary. Resort guests will be able to meander through the property on a system of hiking and bike trails as they enjoy the native landscape and wildlife.

Forestar Group Inc. is the master developer of the project with civil engineering by Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc. Environmental considerations are built into every aspect of the development, which includes interior walls supported by recycled steel studs rather than traditional wooden studs, and use of all low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint, glue and other products.

JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts, part of Marriott International, Inc., debuted in 2000 and offers 39 luxurious resorts worldwide. JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts plans to develop an additional 21 properties in the next three years, expanding guests’ options to experience a premier resort wherever they travel. For more information on JW Marriott Hotels & resorts, visit www.marriott.com/jw-marriott/travel.mi

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