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## COURTYARD IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA COMPLETES MAJOR LOBBY RENOVATION

### ***New Design Features High Tech GoBoard®, Flexible Work and Social Spaces and a 24/7 Food and Beverage Market***

Clearwater, Florida – Marriott International, Inc. announced that the 149-room Courtyard by Marriott located at 3131 Executive Dr in Clearwater, FL has completed a major renovation of its lobby. This [Clearwater, Florida, hotel](#) now features the brand's new Refreshing Business lobby concept, designed to give travelers the flexibility to work and socialize however they choose while on the road.

The newly redesigned Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect. now offers casual, flexible seating; easier access to food and higher quality, healthier menu options for breakfast; and light evening fare, including snacks, wine and beer so guests can unwind. The Market™, a 24/7 shop for snacks, beverages and sundries, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste guests forgot to pack.



To celebrate the opening of its new lobby and bistro, this Clearwater hotel is offering a special Bistro Deal. Available now until December 31, 2011, the Bistro Hotel Deal includes overnight accommodations, breakfast or dinner at The Bistro and a non-alcoholic beverage. To book this package online, visit the [Courtyard St. Petersburg Clearwater Hotel page](#) and use promotional code ZJ8. Perfect for guests en route to the St. Petersburg Clearwater Airport or simply looking for a vacation getaway, the Bistro Deal lets

guests grab a delicious meal to start or end their day.

"From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to what travelers want from a hotel," said Janis Milham, vice president, Global Brand Manager, Courtyard by Marriott. "Guests want more control and choice with services and amenities that create a healthy balance between working and relaxing. We redefined the Courtyard lobby so it invites guests to get out of their rooms to work, socialize or for entertainment, whether traveling alone or with colleagues."

The open, bright and contemporary new Courtyard hotel lobby welcomes guests with vivid contrasting colors, including blue, green, orange and red. The traditional front desk is replaced with separate welcome pedestals to create more personal and private interactions when guests check in. This will allow staff to move about to show guests the lobby features and provide

assistance. Flexible seating options range from a communal table in the middle of the action, to more private media booths with high-definition televisions, to a more intimate, semi-enclosed lounge area.

Unique among [Clearwater hotels](#), the GoBoard® technology, a 52-inch LCD touch screen packed with local information, maps, weather, and news, business and sports headlines, brings guests closer to the world with intuitive touch screen controls.. Guests can navigate using the touch screen to find restaurants, local attractions and directions.

Guests can connect to free WiFi and there are ample electrical outlets throughout the lobby to power digital devices. The enlarged business library features several complimentary computer terminals along with a free printer and separate computer stations dedicated to printing airline boarding passes and checking flight status.

Green has been Courtyard's signature color since Marriott launched the brand 25 years ago. Now it is even greener with the introduction of a guest recycling program for the environment. Receptacles for paper, glass, plastic and metal will be conveniently located by side exits.

#### About the Courtyard St. Petersburg Clearwater Hotel

Located one mile from the Carillon Business Park and St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport, the Courtyard St. Petersburg Clearwater Hotel can be found halfway between Ft. DeSoto and Caladesi Island. Welcoming both leisure and business travelers, this Clearwater hotels allows guests to work comfortably in guest rooms with mobile work desks, easy-to-reach outlets and free Internet access.

The new state-of-the-art lobby features flexible spaces to work or relax, complimentary Wi-Fi throughout and easy access to news, weather and airport conditions via our GoBoard®. The highlight of the new lobby experience is The Bistro - Eat. Drink. Connect. Guests can satisfy their hunger with an expanded food and beverage offerings in the morning, all-new dinner service in the evening, or The Market, a 24-hour one-stop shop for fresh sandwiches and snacks. Guests can relax in a heated pool and whirlpool or stop by the fitness center for a quick sweat. Whether shopping in nearby Tampa at the International Plaza and Westshore Mall or just stopping overnight between flights, guests have made the Courtyard St. Petersburg Clearwater hotel a favorite among [Clearwater hotels](#).

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Courtyard by Marriott offers a refreshing environment that helps guests stay connected, productive and balanced. Intuitive services and design accommodate guests' needs for choice and control. With more than 860 locations in 30 countries, Courtyard is Marriott's largest brand. All Courtyard by Marriott hotels participate in the award-winning Marriott Rewards frequent travel program that allows members to earn hotel points or airline miles for every dollar spent during each stay. For more information, including guest guided video tours of the new lobby and the latest brand information, visit [www.gocourtyard.com](http://www.gocourtyard.com). For reservations, go to [www.courtyard.com](http://www.courtyard.com) or contact a travel professional

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