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SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT UNION SQUARE NAMED CHAIN'S HOTEL OF THE YEARFacility honored for its excellence in leadership, operations and finances

San Francisco, CA – Hotel staff at the <u>San Francisco Marriott Union Square</u> have many reasons to shout out from the top of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Marriott International Inc. has just announced that the Union Square hotel has been named one of the Hotels of the Year for its Americas division. The coveted honor comes along with several other awards recognizing leadership, operational and financial excellence.



Troy A. Pentecost, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., the company that owns the property, noted the accomplishments of hotel General Manager Oscar Rodriguez and FelCor Vice President of Asset Management Tim Van Allen in making the announcement.

"Their tireless efforts have made all the difference at this property," Pentecost said. "We could not be more pleased with the performance of the hotel following its redevelopment."

Before opening in 2009 as the <u>San Francisco</u>
<u>Marriott Union Square</u> the building underwent a \$50 million renovation that guests notice the

second they step foot into the stylish lobby. Guests can sip, savor and socialize in bin480, the hotel's wine bar which features over 30 wines by the glass and the best of Northern California small plate dining. Hotel guests are just steps away from Union Square's world class shopping, the Cable Car line, Chinatown and many more of the city's best attractions.

Travelers who stay at one of the newest <u>hotels in Union Square</u> will get an even bigger San Francisco treat when they experience the 400 guest rooms and suites featuring stylish décor, oversized work desks and comfortable bedding with pillow-top mattresses, plush duvets, down comforters and plenty of fluffy down and feather pillows. Rooms also offer high-speed Internet, 32-inch high-definition TVs, MP3 clocks and digital On Command video movies.

FelCor, a real estate investment trust, owns 76 hotels in 22 states operating under a number of different flags. Marriott, a leading lodging company, has nearly 3,700 properties in 72 countries and territories. The Marriott in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, received the company's top honor as Hotel of the Year worldwide.

About the San Francisco Marriott Union Square

The San Francisco Marriott Union Square sits on the corner of Sutter and Powell streets and is steps away from world-class shopping, restaurants, bars and the theater district. The Union Square hotel offers 400 rooms and suites along with 10 meeting rooms with 10,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, a full-service business facility and state-of-the-art fitness center. For information, visit www.marriott.com/SFOUS.