

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Oakland Marriott City Center Kicks Off Summer Travel Season  
With East Bay Social Media Contest**

*The photo contest will showcase all there is to love in the East Bay - from Jack London Square to Lake Merritt and beyond. One lucky winner will receive a 1-night stay in downtown Oakland with breakfast & BART tickets for two!*

**Oakland, CA** – The [Oakland Marriott City Center](#) is excited to announce the "Best East Bay View" social media contest to showcase all the sights of the East Bay this Summer travel season. Photos of everything from the unique architecture of the historic Fox Theater to the Bay Bridge have started coming in from those looking to win a night out in downtown Oakland.

Fans can submit their best photo of Oakland or the East Bay through the [hotel's Facebook page](#) or by visiting <http://bit.ly/OaklandGiveaway>. Each photo submission will be entered for a chance to win. To sweeten the deal, the hotel will give another contest entry for each "like" a photo receives on the Facebook page. Entries will be accepted until July 26, 2013 and a winner will be announced on August 1, 2013.

Oakland was named the #5 Place to Visit in the World by the New York Times in 2012 and was most recently named the #1 Most Exciting City in the US by Movoto Real Estate Blog. The Marriott Oakland City Center is one of the most centrally located hotels in this growing tourist destination, with a prime location near Jack London Square, trendy art galleries and some of the most acclaimed restaurants in the Bay area.

**About the Oakland Marriott City Center**

The Oakland Marriott City Center offers stunning views of the San Francisco Bay, Lake Merritt, Golden Gate Bridge and Berkeley Marina and is convenient to Chinatown, Jack London Square and plenty of fine dining and shopping. Guests have easy access to the adjacent [Oakland Convention Center](#) and the BART subway system just across the street from the Oakland hotel. The hotel offers 481 rooms and eight suites on 21 floors along with 36 meeting rooms with 89,000 square feet of flexible space, five concierge levels, a new lobby, two restaurants, a state-of-the-art fitness center and outdoor pool. For more information, visit [www.marriott.com/OAKDT](http://www.marriott.com/OAKDT) or [www.facebook.com/OAKmarriott](http://www.facebook.com/OAKmarriott).

###