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Santa Clara Marriott Welcomes New Members to Its Leadership Team

One of the premier hotels in Santa Clara prepares for opening of San Francisco 49ers' new stadium, arrival of Super Bowl 50

Santa Clara, CA – The <u>Santa Clara Marriott</u> has scored a game-winning touchdown with the addition of a new general manager who is tasked with enhancing the hotel's already exceptional reputation that it has come to earn over the past 37 years.

All eyes will be on Santa Clara in the next few years with the San Francisco 49ers set to play in their



new stadium in August 2014, Super Bowl L (50) arriving in 2016 and Tim Herrmann taking the reins of the Silicon Valley Marriott hotel.

Herrmann, a Marriott veteran who began his career with the company in 1981, arrives at the Santa Clara hotel from the Coronado Island Marriott Resort outside of San Diego. He started as a food and beverage management trainee at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort, a former Marriott property, outside of Palm Springs, CA. He rose to become the director of catering at the Philadelphia Marriott, then was promoted to Director of Group Sales and Director of Sales and Marketing at the same hotel.

In 2002, Herrmann became Director of Sales and Marketing at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel as well as area director for five additional Renaissance hotels, all part of the Marriott brand.

In 2006, he was promoted to general manager in Coronado and helped propel the property to exceptional all-around results.

Two other directors will join Herrmann in Santa Clara to provide the best in service to groups as well and business and leisure travelers.

Freida Ossi has accepted the position of Resident Manager/Director of Hotel Room Operations as she expands her 15 years of sales experience with Marriott, including five at the hotel in Santa Clara.

Danny Williams will take Ossi's current position as Director of Sales and Marketing. Williams was most recently the area sales leader representing 11 hotels in the Silicon Valley and Monterey. Williams has seven years of sales experience with Marriott.

With Levi's Stadium opening in 2014 and the Super Bowl coming shortly after, the new Marriott team is excited to handle the extra demand on Santa Clara hotel accommodations.

"More than a billion fans will watch the NFL's championship game and get a glimpse of the beauty in Santa Clara," Herrmann said. "I'm excited to be leading a team at a hotel that will be right in the

middle of all the action. This gives us a phenomenal opportunity to show off the property while displaying the personal, warm and attentive service that the Santa Clara Marriott is known for."

One of the premier hotels in Santa Clara, the Marriott is minutes from San Jose International Airport in the heart of Silicon Valley. Featuring <u>spacious guest rooms</u> with balconies and luxurious bedding, the hotel is near Intel, McAfee and EMC. Guests will enjoy the farm-to-table tastes of <u>Parcel 104</u>, a large fitness center, four full-sized tennis courts and an outdoor pool.

In the <u>heart of the area's action</u>, the hotel is adjacent to the thrills and family fun of California's Great America amusement park. Roller coaster fans will want to check out Gold Striker, a new wooden roller coaster that rises almost 110 feet into the air and reaches speeds of nearly 54 mph. Other heart-pumping rides include Flight Deck, FireFall and the Demon. Family rides include Loggers Run and the Barney Oldfield Speedway.

Even before Levi's Stadium opens just a short walk from the hotel, visitors can view the historic charms of the Mission Santa Clara de Asis, an 18th-century Spanish mission. Families with astronomy or aviation buffs can visit the NASA Ames Exploration Center and Moffett Field, while there is something for everyone at the Great Mall of the Bay Area.

About the Santa Clara Marriott

The Santa Clara Marriott is in the heart of Silicon Valley just minutes from the San Jose International Airport and 45 minutes from San Francisco. The hotel is adjacent to the California Great America amusement park and near the San Francisco 49ers' new home, Levi's Stadium, which is expected to open in summer 2014. The hotel features 748 rooms and 11 suites on 10 floors as well as 31 meeting rooms with 27,209 square feet of flexible event space is available for business gatherings, social events and weddings. Bradley Odgen's award-winning restaurant Parcel 104 serves the best in fresh Northern California cuisine, while sports fans can catch the action in Characters Sports Bar and Grille. Visitors can work off a meal in the updated fitness center or in the heated outdoor pool. For information, visit www.marriott.com/SJCGA or call 1-408-988-1500.