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## COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, PORT OF SPAIN COMPLETES A MAJOR LOBBY RENOVATION

New Design Features the Centro for Dining, High Tech GoBoard<sup>®</sup>, Flexible Work and Social Spaces.

Port of Spain, Trinidad – 10 June, 2010 – Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR) announced that the 119-room Courtyard located at Invaders Bay in Port of Spain, has completed a major renovation of its lobby. The 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. With this renovation, the Courtyard Port of Spain is the first Courtyard hotel in the Caribbean to implement the Refreshing Business concept.

"Guest response to the Refreshing Business lobby in North America has been overwhelmingly positive," said Janis Milham, vice president, global brand management, Courtyard by Marriott. "It made perfect sense to continue to roll out this new lobby concept to other parts of the world as the Courtyard brand continues to grow and evolve internationally with hotels now in 35 different countries around the world."

The open, bright and contemporary new Courtyard hotel lobby welcomes guests with vivid contrasting colors. 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.

A signature element of the new lobby is the exclusive GoBoard<sup>®</sup> technology, a 57-inch LCD touch screen packed with local information, maps, weather, and news, business and sports headlines. 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 a separate computer station dedicated to printing airline boarding passes and checking flight status.

Dining has been completely redesigned with The Centro – Eat. Drink. Connect.; offering 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<sup>TM</sup>, a 24/7 shop for snacks, beverages and sundries, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste you forgot to pack.

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 nearly 900 locations in 35 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. For reservations, go to www.courtyard.com

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