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NEW MARRIOTT PLACE INDIANAPOLIS OFFERS UNRIVALED OPTIONS FOR MEETING PLANNERS

INDIANAPOLIS, June, 2009 – The new Marriott Place Indianapolis, a collection of five Marriott properties all connected to the Indiana Convention Center, will offer unprecedented flexibility and options for meeting planners as the new hotels come online over the next 27 months. The centerpiece of the development is the luxurious JW Marriott Indianapolis, scheduled to open in February, 2011.

“We planned this development specifically to address the ‘wish list’ that we heard from meeting and convention planners,” said Cory Chambers, director of sales and marketing for Marriott Place Indianapolis. “They told us that they want a variety of room options at various price points – we’ve got that. They want flexible meeting space – and a lot of it - we’ve got that. Add to that the fact that this property is located in the heart of a vibrant, walkable city with attractions that appeal to everyone, and you’ve got the perfect spot to host an event.”

Highlights of the \$450 million Marriott Place Indianapolis include:

- 1,626 new rooms under construction in the JW Marriott Indianapolis (1,005 rooms), Indianapolis Courtyard by Marriott Downtown (297 rooms), Indianapolis Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Downtown (168 rooms), and Indianapolis SpringHill Suites by Marriott Downtown (156 rooms).
- 104,000 square feet of meeting space in the JW Marriott Indianapolis.
- The 40,500 Grand Ballroom in the JW Marriott, the largest hotel ballroom in the Midwest.

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Located on a beautiful seven-acre site on the edge of White River State Park, Marriott Place offers easy access to the world-class shopping and dining, cultural attractions and professional sports venues of downtown Indianapolis. The new development will serve as an anchor for the Indianapolis convention and tourism industry, which totals more than \$3.25 billion a year. In addition, Marriott Place Indianapolis is critical to the city hosting the 2012 Super Bowl and future NCAA events, including the 2010 Men's Final Four Basketball Championship.

“With the expansion of the Indiana Convention Center, plus Lucas Oil Stadium and all of the meeting space that we'll have in Marriott Place, Indianapolis has now become a truly viable option for all types of meetings and conventions, large and small,” said Chambers. “The fact that we've already booked more than xxx,xxx room nights in advance sales shows that meeting and convention planners love what we have to offer.”

“Over the next three years, we're investing more than \$3 billion in projects related to tourism,” said Don Welsh, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association. “The Marriott Place development is absolutely key to Indianapolis becoming a first-tier tourist destination, and has allowed us to go after larger conventions and the Super Bowl.”

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March, 2010 will mark the scheduled opening of The Indianapolis Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Downtown and the Indianapolis SpringHill Suites by Marriott Downtown. The JW Marriott Indianapolis will open in February, 2011. The fifth Marriott Place hotel, the 622-room Marriott Indianapolis Downtown, is already operating.

For more information about this premier hotel development, including advance group sales, contact Cory Chambers at the JW Marriott Indianapolis sales office at 317-573-6534 or via email at cory.chambers@marriott.com.

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