



**MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR  
WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF HONG KONG SKYCITY  
MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**HONG KONG, January 22, 2009** – Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE: MAR) today officially opened Hong Kong's newest five star property, the 658-room Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel, at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), helping to transform the territory as a destination in its own right.

Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel will be managed by the leading international lodging company under an agreement with the owner, Union Sky Holdings Limited, a partnership between Shun Tak Holdings Limited and a joint venture of Dragages Hong Kong Limited and GR8 Leisure Concept Limited. It is Shun Tak Holdings' first direct foray into the Hong Kong hotel sector.

More than 300 guests witnessed the official handover of the property by owners Pansy Ho, Managing Director of Shun Tak Holdings Limited, Nicolas Borit, Managing Director of Dragages Hong Kong Limited and Marcus Lee, President of GR8 Leisure Concept Limited to Geoff Garside, Executive Vice President for Asia Pacific of Marriott International.

Officiating guests included Margaret Fong, Tourism Commissioner for the Hong Kong Government SAR, Anthony Lau, Executive Director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and Stanley Hui Hon-chung, Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Authority Hong Kong.

As Marriott International's fifth hotel in Hong Kong but the first Marriott branded property, Geoff Garside officially welcomed guests, extending an invitation to experience the warmth and hospitality of this unique business resort hotel property.

"Hong Kong is truly Asia's world city and our commitment to, and confidence in, the territory is further cemented with this opening," Mr Garside said. "It remains a vibrant financial and commercial center and is one of the world's most attractive destinations for conferences, incentive and leisure travel. In partnership with Shun Tak, Dragages and GR8 Leisure Concept, and driven by the dedication of the hotel's associates, we share the vision and passion to position Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel as an international business and leisure resort, providing guests with the highest level of services and an unmatched experience during their stay with us," he continued.

Strategically located adjacent to the Hong Kong International Airport and the Sky Pier ferry terminal, which is scheduled to open later this year, and connected via a covered footbridge to AsiaWorld-Expo—a 70,000 square meter international exhibition center and convention center including an arena—the hotel’s world class facilities and services will further boost the attraction to the area. Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel presents unique packaging opportunities for the increased numbers of visitors from across the world and particularly from the Pearl River Delta.

As the major investor of the joint venture, Ms. Pansy Ho spoke of the vision for the hotel on behalf of all owner-investors “Today, a new chapter is to be written, in terms of what Hong Kong’s airport experience has to offer- the perfect amalgamation of top quality ‘MICE, Leisure and Transportation’ services completed by the opening of the SkyCity Marriott Hotel. Though a new-joiner, Shun Tak is by no means new to the hotel industry, having introduced some of the first international 5-star hotel brands into Macau some half a century ago. We are also the operator of TurboJET air-sea ferries out of the SkyPier, servicing transit passengers into Mainland and Macau. Our partner, Dragages, is renowned for developing and managing large-scale infrastructures such as that of the Asia World-Expo, adding to the partnership valuable insights in laying out the strategic foundation of this new venture. Combining the strengths of both partners, we hope to make solid contributions to our community and economy.”

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### **Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel**

Located on the banks of the South China Sea, **Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel** offers world-class meeting and conventions facilities, luxury hotel services and superior dining and entertainment. The hotel property is perfect for conferences, business travelers and leisure guests who are seeking a tranquil environment and escape from the bustling city.

The hotel is also the only property in Hong Kong to offer guests convenient golf packages with access to the adjacent SkyCity Nine Eagles golf course, and is the first to boast the territory’s only Marriott spa experience, the Quan Spa. It also offers an extensively equipped health club, including a 27-meter indoor pool, sauna, steam rooms, jacuzzi and a 24-hour gym.

Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel comprises 658 spacious guest rooms over 11 floors, including 1 presidential suite, 32 suites and 119 executive rooms. All rooms are triple-glazed and feature Marriott’s new bedding package and the latest in-room technology with unique views of the ocean or golf course.

Positioned as an international business resort, the hotel's General Manager, Mr Bob Jensch, described its unique offerings, "The Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel offers business travelers unmatched emphasis on time, an overriding value proposition for the hotel, ensuring that efficiency and ease for guests drives every touchpoint, from the 24-hour business center to Hong Kong's largest executive lounge. And all delivered with that signature Marriott commitment to serve."

In addition, Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel offers spacious and flexible meeting and banqueting space of over 1,300 square meters (14,000 square feet). Within a separate venue adjacent to the hotel, the SkyCity Grand Ballroom provides a large area of 650 square meters (7,000 square feet). This venue also provides a unique offering of a private entrance from the main hotel entrance and also accommodates bespoke branding opportunities for conferences and events. There are an additional 10 meeting rooms and boardrooms with a total of 640 square meters of meeting space (6,900 square feet).

With six dining options, guests at the hotel can select from a variety of cuisines to satisfy their every taste and mood. *Velocity Bar and Grill* is a modern sports bar. Chinese delicacies can be found at Marriott's famous *Man Ho* Restaurant offering Cantonese specialties as well as one private dining room upon request. Asian fare such as seared Japanese beef and soba noodles can be found at the *Red Zen Noodle Bar* while the *SkyCity Bistro* offers all day dining of international favorites. Relax at *The Lounge* with entertainment and a stunning view of the South China Sea while sipping freshly prepared drinks. For caffeine enthusiasts, *Java+* is the ideal option for busy business travelers for quick take away treats to accompany that perfect cup of espresso or latte.

The property is easily accessible to some of Hong Kong's most appealing shopping districts and sights including the CityGate Outlets, Ngong Ping 360 cable car and the Tian Tan "Giant" Buddha, while only being a 28-minute express train ride from Hong Kong's Central district.

Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel, along with over 2,800 Marriott-affiliated hotels worldwide, participates in Marriott Rewards, the guest reward program that allows members to earn their choice of points or airline miles for dollar spent during each stay.

The Marriott International lodging portfolio in Hong Kong is currently represented by the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong Kong, the Renaissance Hotel Kowloon, and Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong.

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