

Marriott Named a Top Corporation for Supporting Women-Owned Businesses
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BETHESDA, Md., March 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Marriott International (NASDAQ:MAR) is proud to once again be named one of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council's (WBENC) Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs). This year, Marriott received Gold Level honors, which recognizes companies that are **sustaining** results, **evolving** their programs and creating **innovative** and **best practices** that support WBEs. The Top Corporations annual list recognizes companies with an exceptional track record for providing opportunities for women-owned businesses to compete for and secure global company contracts.

Marriott's commitment to empower women extends from its leadership ranks to providing opportunities for women to own hotels and supply products and services to the company. Over the past four years alone, in addition to spending more than \$1 billion with WBEs globally, Marriott continues to leverage innovative methods of engagement, support and visibility to foster their growth and success.

"We are honored to continue to be recognized for our passionate dedication to women-owned businesses globally," said Dominica Groom, Senior Director, Global Sustainability & Supplier Diversity at Marriott International. "Our commitment aims to incorporate and further develop WBEs within Marriott's global supply chain. In addition to our extensive efforts across the U.S., we continue to place increased emphasis on the global expansion of this platform, proactively supporting women-owned businesses around the world."

Furthermore to developing relationships with female business owners across the globe, Marriott is close to achieving its 2020 goal of having 1,000 diverse-owned hotels, including women – now having nearly 800 in its portfolio.

Marriott is consistently honored for being a top company for diversity and inclusion. It was recently named by the National Association for Female Executives as one of the top corporations for employing executive women. Great Places to Work Institute® also recognized the company for being one of the 2015 World's Best Multinational Workplaces and the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce named the company its 2014 Corporation of the Year. Marriott has also been listed as the #1 company for supplier diversity by DiversityInc, and has been honored by Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility, Black Enterprise and Latina STYLE for diversity & inclusion efforts in workforce, board membership and supplier diversity.

About Marriott International – Social Responsibility

Marriott International is committed to responsible global business operations inside and beyond its hotels. For more information about our commitment to social responsibility and supplier diversity visit the [2015 Sustainability Report](#).

About Marriott International

Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MAR) is a global leading lodging company based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, with more than 4,400 properties in 87 countries and territories. Marriott International reported revenues of more than US\$14 billion in fiscal year 2015. The company operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts under 19 brands. For more information or reservations, please visit our website at www.marriott.com, and for the latest company news, visit www.marriottnewscenter.com.

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