

Marriott Scores 100% Perfect Ranking on 2016 Corporate Equality Index
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BETHESDA, Md., Nov. 19, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- World's favorite travel company, Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ:MAR) has been selected among America's top corporations for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, by earning a perfect 100% score on the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) 2016 Corporate Equality Index (CEI).



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The CEI is a nationally recognized benchmark that examines America's leading workplaces and their inclusion of LGBT employees and their allies. Corporations like Marriott that earn the top CEI score of 100 percent also are named the "Best Places to Work" in the U.S. For a list of criteria that comprise the Index's objective rankings and the corporations measured on the CEI benchmark, visit www.hrc.org.

"In a constantly evolving marketplace, every organization hopes to have the edge by attracting and engaging top talent. At Marriott, we believe that promoting wellbeing and ensuring everyone has access to opportunity is the most powerful way to cultivate an inspired workforce and to deliver exceptional customer experiences," said David Rodriguez, Executive Vice President and Global Chief Human Resources Officer, Marriott International. "All of our associates and guests must feel equally valued, safe and respected at every Marriott property around the world. This recognition from the Human Rights Campaign affirms that we are moving in the right direction to provide truly inclusive experiences on our journey to becoming the world's most favorite travel company."

Along with Marriott's longstanding commitment to inclusive human resource policies, the perfect CEI rating also acknowledges the company's public commitment to advancing LGBT equality. This year, Marriott joined with other business leaders to sign the historic amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to adopt full recognition of marriage rights for same-sex couples. In addition, this past year, Marriott played a public leadership role in opposing anti-LGBT legislation that surfaced in Indiana and Georgia among other states.

Marriott has consistently been recognized for its outstanding workplace and [diversity and inclusion](#) programs. For a comprehensive list of accomplishments, click [Awards and Recognition](#).

Visit [Marriott International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:MAR) for company information. 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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