The Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Recognizes Marriott for Social Responsibility Leadership

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BETHESDA, Md., May 11, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE: MAR) has been named a member company of the FTSE4Good Index Series for 2011. The company has been a constituent of FTSE4Good since 2002. Increasingly stringent inclusion criteria focused this year on the environment, human rights, supply chain, social programs, stakeholder engagement, labor standards and anti-corruption policies and procedures. The FTSE4Good Index Series is managed by the FTSE Group and consists of a series of benchmark and tradable indices for socially responsible investors.

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In order to meet the FTSE4Good Index criteria, Marriott provided evidence of continued improvement and cited recent progress including:

- Executive-level approval of Human Rights & the Protection of Children training for all employees worldwide with a specific training module for security officers
- An on-going commitment to the Youth Career Initiative (YCI), a program that helps empower young people with the life and vocational skills they need to stave off the effects of poverty, crime and exploitation. Marriott was instrumental in securing a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State for the program
- Tracking and reporting the company's global carbon footprint and publicly disclosing through the Carbon Disclosure Project
- An equal employment opportunity (EEO) policy and global commitment to diversity & inclusion that is overseen by the Board of Directors
- Cash and in-kind contributions to charitable (nonprofit) organizations in 2010 that exceeded \$28 million
- Publically stated environmental goals and performance results

"Marriott is honored to be named a member company of the FTSE4Good Index for the tenth consecutive year," said Mari Snyder, vice president, social responsibility and community engagement. "Marriott's focus on sustainability delivers more value for our customers while ensuring a more sustainable future for all. We look forward to advancing our environmental, social and human rights work as part of our commitment to excellence to our guests, associates, business partners and global community."

Ethical business practices are deeply embedded in the Marriott tradition and "spirit to serve" culture. These ethical standards start with Marriott's top leadership, who reinforce the company's tradition of integrity, honesty, trust and fairness. The company shares its philosophy with associates and all stakeholders through a variety of information channels, including Marriott's Business Conduct Guide, available on http://www.marriott.com/socialresponsibility.

For more information about the FTSE4Good Index Series, please visit www.ftse.com/Indices/FTSE4Good_Index_Series/index.jsp.

Visit <u>Marriott International, Inc.</u> (NYSE: MAR) for company information. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at <u>www.marriott.com</u>, and for the latest company news, visit <u>www.marriottnewscenter.com</u>.

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