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**DARRIN HELFRICK NAMED TO 2007 'MOST ADMIRED OPERATORS' LIST  
BY GOLF INC. MAGAZINE**

***Golf General Manager At Doral Golf Resort & Spa Receives Prestigious Industry Award***

Doral, Fla., June 21, 2007 ... Doral Golf Resort & Spa, A Marriott Resort, today announced that Golf General Manager, Darrin Helfrick, has been recognized by Golf Inc. Magazine, as one of the “Most Admired Operators,” in the United States. The award recognizes managers who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating consistent excellence in directing a successful, profitable golf course operation that upholds the highest standards of quality and customer service.

“It is an honor to be recognized by the golf industry for the continued success we are enjoying with the golf operations at this legendary property,” said Darrin Helfrick, Golf General Manager, Doral Golf Resort & Spa. “This is a special award that truly recognizes the entire golf team here at Doral for their dedication to excellence.”

Helfrick is responsible for day-to-day management of the entire golf operation at Doral, which features five championship golf courses, 6 retail outlets on-site, the Jim Mclean Golf School, more than 900 members, and much more. In addition, Helfrick has played an integral role in overseeing the successful renovations of the “New Look” Greg Norman designed Great White Course, and the famed Blue Monster Course, which has hosted a PGA TOUR event for the past 45 years, and is now home to the CA World Golf Championship.

Helfrick, who came to Doral in June of 2003, boasts more than 15 years of golf management experience within the Marriott family. Prior to coming to Doral, Helfrick, served as the Director of Development for Marriott Golf, supervising the golf development process for all Marriott International golf brands.

Golf Inc. Magazine is the leading industry trade publication for golf course developers, owners, operators and management company executives.

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## **Darrin Helfrick Named To 2007 ‘Most Admired Operators’ List ... Add One**

The 693-room Doral Resort, which is managed by Marriott International and is officially named Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort, joined Marriott’s first-class portfolio of 60 resorts worldwide in August of 2004. In managing the golf business operations at Doral, Marriott International enlisted its in-house golf management arm, Marriott Golf, the world’s largest resort golf management company, and the first in-house golf management team ever established by a lodging company.

### About Marriott Golf

Marriott Golf manages 60 golf courses at 45 facilities in 15 countries, offering more than 1,000 holes of championship golf. Marriott has been managing golf operations since 1970, is one of the world’s premier golf operators, and is the world’s largest resort golf management organization. Marriott provides golf management and consulting services to a variety of operational environments including resort, private club, daily fee, golf school and franchises. For more information, visit [www.marriottgolf.com](http://www.marriottgolf.com).

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE: MAR) is a leading lodging company with nearly 2,900 lodging properties in the United States and 67 other countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the *Marriott*, *JW Marriott*, *The Ritz-Carlton*, *Renaissance*, *Residence Inn*, *Courtyard*, *TownePlace Suites*, *Fairfield Inn*, *SpringHill Suites* and *Bulgari* brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the *Marriott Vacation Club*, *Horizons by Marriott Vacation Club*, *The Ritz-Carlton Club* and *Grand Residences by Marriott* brands; operates *Marriott Executive Apartments*; provides furnished corporate housing through its *Marriott ExecuStay* division; and operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and had approximately 151,000 employees at 2006 year-end. It is ranked as the lodging industry’s most admired company and one of the best places to work for by FORTUNE®. The company is also a 2006 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ENERGY STAR® Partner. In fiscal year 2006, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of \$12.2 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com).

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