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Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort Taps Mark Jeffrey as General Manager

MIAMI – January 15, 2009 – Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort has added to its experienced executive team with the appointment of Mark Jeffrey as general manager. Jeffrey, a 28-year Marriott veteran, will oversee all aspects of the nearly 700-room hotel and its 1,100 employees.

“I am thrilled to join Doral’s dynamic team,” said Jeffrey. “I look forward to being a part of its continued success as one of Marriott’s, and Florida’s, most prominent resorts.”

Jeffrey began his Marriott tenure as an assistant housekeeping manager at Marriott's Rancho Las Palmas Resort in California and quickly climbed the ranks. For the past seven years he served as general manager of the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa in Lexington, KY, where he grew sales 50%, oversaw a \$12.5-million renovation and was recognized with the Regional Marriott GM Sales Leadership Award (2006-2007) and Marriott Hotels & Resorts GM Sales Leadership Award (2004).

Other posts that Jeffrey has held throughout his rich hospitality career include general manager of Omaha Marriott Hotel in Nebraska; director of operations at Marriott’s Tan-Tar-A Resort & Golf Club in Missouri; food and beverage manager at Desert Springs JW Marriott Palm Desert Resort & Spa in California; and director of services at Marriott World Center Orlando in Florida. Jeffrey is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel Management.

Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort is kicking off 2009 with the third annual World Golf Championships-CA Championship to be held on the Blue Monster golf course March 10-15 and will debut the newly-redesigned Silver Course in May 2009.

For resort information please visit www.doralresort.com or call 800-71-DORAL.

Situated on 650 tropical acres, the award-winning Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort is one of Miami’s premier resorts. All 693 luxuriously-appointed accommodations, including 96 suites, boast individual balconies/patios, guest-controlled air conditioning, direct-dial telephone with two-lines for high-speed Internet or fax access, electronic safes with rechargeable capabilities for your laptop, and more. Featuring five 18-hole championship golf courses, including the famed Blue Monster, the Doral is continuously ranked one of the country’s leading golf destinations. The European inspired Spa at Doral offers guests more than 100 spa services, 52 treatment rooms, an on-site registered dietician/nutritionist and state-of-the-art exercise center. With over 90,000 square-feet of flexible meeting and function space Doral Golf Resort & Spa is the perfect location for corporate events, meetings, elaborate receptions and unforgettable social events. For dining, guests can choose from five delectable restaurants including Windows on the Green, The Atrium, Terrazza Restaurant and Café, Champions Bar & Grill and Bungalou’s Bar & Grill. Located only seven miles from Miami International Airport, the hotel also features the acclaimed Arthur Ashe Tennis Center, Jim McLean Golf Center, The Blue Lagoon aquatic recreation area and nine retail shops.

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