

Marriott International: Global Finance magazine names Marriott “The Best Global Hotel Chain”

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Global Finance magazine names Marriott “The Best Global Hotel Chain,” in its fourth annual ranking of the world’s top hotels and airlines for business travelers, to be published in its September issue. Global Finance also names Marriott the best hotel chain in North America and Latin America.

John W. Marriott III, executive vice president – lodging for Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE: MAR), said, “We are pleased to be recognized by Global Finance as the preferred brand of business travelers. We remain fully committed to providing the best hotel experiences for all of our guests worldwide.”

For the rankings, the magazine selected the best hotels and airlines globally, regionally, and in 63 worldwide business destinations. Marriott hotels were selected as the most preferred chain in more of these destinations than any other hotel brand.

Global Finance surveyed its 254,000 readers via e-mail and also sent a questionnaire to a sample of 18,000 readers asking them to provide details of their travel preferences and to nominate companies for the awards.

Global Finance’s audience includes top company executives responsible for making investments and strategic business decisions for global companies and financial institutions.

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE: MAR - News) is a leading lodging company with more than 2,600 lodging properties under 17 hotel and resort ownership brands in the United States and 65 other countries and territories. The company is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and had approximately 133,000 employees at December 31, 2004. It is ranked as the lodging industry's most admired company and one of the best places to work for by Fortune® magazine. In fiscal year 2004, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of \$10 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at <http://www.marriott.com>.