

For More Information:

Karen Canavan
KC Public Relations
404-233-3993
kcanavan@kcpr.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARRIOTT RAISES NEW FLAG IN BUCKHEAD

*Former Buckhead Hotel Atlanta Converts to
Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center*

ATLANTA – (November 18, 2009) – Marriott officially re-flags the former Buckhead Hotel Atlanta today in a ribbon cutting ceremony with Sam Massell and other community leaders. The new Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center, located on Lenox Road directly across from Lenox Square, showcases a multi-million dollar renovation featuring the newest IAAC-certified conference center in Atlanta with 25,000 square feet of space . As part of the hotel’s grand opening celebration, Marriott executives made a special donation to the Atlanta Fire Foundation.

“With the renovation and re-flagging complete, we now look forward to bringing the esteemed and signature Marriott service to our guests,” said George McGann, Vice President and Managing Director of the property. “Our team is committed to providing the best possible experience for every visitor through our doors and delivering the ultimate in southern hospitality.”

The hotel offers guests 349 newly renovated deluxe rooms and suites featuring Revive Bedding with 300-thread-count sheets and 32-inch flat screen TV's. All rooms come equipped with Jack Pack technology featuring portable device connections that allow iPods, lap tops, video games and more to transmit directly onto TV screens.

The “Lobby Re-invented” offers 24-foot ceilings, street front glass windows and an inviting living room setting with lush green, red and gold vibrant seating décor throughout the entire area where you are able to connect to WIFI if you are lounging in a chair or sitting at the communal table with others all plugged in. This will be Buckhead’s newest “hot spot” as the hotel’s exterior color scheme changes colors as it converts from day to night. Guests enjoy a Starbucks coffee in the morning and relax and unwind in the evening as the Shula’s Lounge transcends to the Buckhead’s new chic lounge. Anchoring the lobby and lounge of the hotel is Atlanta’s first Shula’s 347 Grill, a signature restaurant from legendary Hall of Fame football coach Don Shula.

Additional amenities include a new outdoor pool and whirlpool, state-of-the-art fitness center, and two concierge floors with private lounges serving continental breakfast and appetizers in the evening. The conference center features 18 meeting rooms and two business centers. Each space comes complete with installed LCD projectors, drop-down screens and individual climate control. The hotel also features 3 newly renovation for your social needs including weddings, mitvahs, galas and holiday events.

“We are delighted to bring new life and energy to this landmark property,” said Jim Dina, chief operating officer of Pyramid Hotel Group. “We are committed to the Buckhead and Atlanta communities and we are excited about the great hospitality professionals that we have assembled to take care of our guests.

Located just off 85 North and 400 South, the Marriott Atlanta Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center is a one-of-a-kind, landmark destination in the heart of Buckhead within walking distance to many restaurants and the best shopping in the south. The newly renovated property features Buckhead’s only IAAC-certified conference center and 349 deluxe guest rooms with first rate amenities. Shula’s 347 Grill provides a premier dining experience in the hotel’s lobby. For more information about the hotel, visit www.marriott.com/atlbc.

About the Pyramid Hotel Group: Pyramid Hotel Group LLC, founded in 1999, is a Boston-based, full-service hotel company that owns, manages and asset manages hotels and manages hotel construction/renovation projects. For more information about the company and its affiliates, visit the company’s website, <http://www.pyramidhotelgroup.com>.

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE:MAR) is a leading lodging company with more than 3,300 lodging properties in 68 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, The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club, The Ritz-Carlton Residences* 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 Bethesda, Maryland, USA. It is recognized by *FORTUNE*® as one of the best companies to work for, and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Partner of the Year since 2004. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at www.marriott.com.

###