

-- New Designs for 492 Guestrooms, Suites, and Casitas as Well as Newly Reinvigorated Event Spaces Are Centerpieces of Superb Resort-Wide Renovation --

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch kicks off the holiday season with a welcoming gift for its guests - the completion of the third and final phase of a **\$50 million transformation** featuring a new contemporary look and upscale services and amenities. The final phase of the superb resort-wide transformation was completed with the striking renovation of guestrooms, suites, and casitas, the newly redesigned Vaquero Ballroom and new Executive Boardroom, as well as the addition of a \$575,000 solar hot water system.

An expansive, 27-acre resort framed by the majestic McDowell Mountains, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale has long offered an authentic guest experience, now heightened by the nature-inspired redesign of all 492 guestrooms, suites and casitas as well as newly reinvigorated meeting and event spaces. Taken together, the resort's three-phase renewal project includes: the award-winning Spa Avania; a modern new lobby and lobby bar; inviting dining options including two new restaurants – SWB, a southwest bistro and Alto ristorante e bar; and a new Camp Hyatt Kachina area with fun, vibrant and educational activities for the resort's youngest guests.

"At Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, the guest experience has always been our first priority," said Michael Stephens, general manager, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa. "With a contemporary redesign and exceptional services and amenities, we are able to offer our guests everything they expect and more when we welcome them to our resort. We are excited for our guests to experience the *new* Hyatt Regency Scottsdale.

Guestrooms, suites and casitas

Taking cues from the Sonoran Desert, the property's guestrooms and suites were remodeled by Indidesign, an award-winning design firm out of Santa Monica, California. The rooms evoke a sense of place with sandy beige and green-toned highlights that reference the local landscape and the resort itself. Environmentally-friendly appointments such as sustainable textiles and water-efficient faucets have been integrated throughout the guestrooms as well as the resort. New highlights of the guestrooms incorporate contemporary yet comfortable new custom furnishings with accents of wengue wood, Hyatt's signature Grand Bed, and 37-inch LCD television. Bathrooms are now more spacious and highlighted by hand-hammered metal sinks, natural granite countertops, and wood-framed doors of frosted glass.

The resort's casitas, which are each 1,000 square feet, offer stunning mountain, golf or garden views. The newly designed casitas are configured from one-to-four bedrooms and reflect contemporary, comfortable and luxurious appointments with an understated look and feel of an intimate family retreat. The open living room and dining area are accented with caramel and deep yellow colors, with natural media and dark wood tones and materials providing inviting spaces. Residential-style details feature artful wood tiles on the wood-burning fireplaces and custom sofas with woven leather frames by Indesign. Casita bathrooms are dressed up with unique porcelain tile listello mosaics to compliment natural granite countertops, high-end European faucets, hand-hammered metal sinks and more. Outdoor patio areas and access to the Regency Club are also highlights of the casitas.

A new artwork program of locally inspired photography creates focal points and noticeable touches throughout the resort. Guestrooms feature framed black-and-white photos of indigenous plant species, while framed black-and-white details from local architecture and various Frank Lloyd Wright projects have been placed throughout all public spaces.

Function Spaces - Vaquero Ballroom, Executive Boardroom and Arizona Ballroom

The new Vaquero Ballroom is a 14,000 square-foot, multi-functional event space that can be transformed into 10 individual breakout rooms. The largest event space on property, the Vaquero Ballroom can seat up to 1,030 people comfortably for banquet style programs. The new Executive Boardroom is equipped with a "smart table" with built-in plug-ins for various audio, visual and additional technological capabilities. There is also a 50 inch flat screen television on one wall, great for viewing presentations. The Executive Boardroom can seat up to 22 people. The room features its own kitchenette for food and beverage service – perfect for offering ease and convenience for small business meetings.

The installation of the solar hot water system is the first of several projects over the next three-year period to reduce overall gas consumption by 30% and electrical consumption by 40%. This system is one of the largest in the country, created and installed by Novan Solar Inc., of Golden, Colorado. The Novan system is part of an energy-reduction project designed by the Hartman Company of Austin, Texas.

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch offers rates starting from \$289, subject to availability and seasonality. Guests can also take advantage of Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's recently extended "Three for Free" offer. Starting at \$289 per night, the offer includes a free night (following a three-night minimum stay), complimentary room upgrade, and

complimentary breakfast for two daily, available through March 31, 2009.

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About Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch combines nature, culture and the spirit of the destination with contemporary sophistication and legendary comfort to create a unique southwestern experience. In keeping with the resort's commitment to offer the finest resort vacation and premier meeting venue, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale has been dramatically transformed with the completion of a \$50 million renovation. This includes redesigned guestrooms, suites and casitas, the 21,000-square-foot Spa Avania, Lobby Bar, two new restaurants, a new Camp Hyatt area for young resort guests, the redesigned Vaquero Ballroom and the new Executive Boardroom. In addition, the resort offers 27 holes of championship golf, a 2.5-acre water playground, world-class tennis, the Native American and Environmental Learning Center, destination-specific "Experiential Offerings" for leisure guests (seasonally)/groups (year round) and a total of 70,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor function space.

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