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THE SAN JOSE MARRIOTT ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

John Southwell is appointed General Manager &
Laurie Munos is named Director of Sales & Marketing.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (October 14, 2014) – The San Jose Marriott has appointed two industry veterans, John Southwell and Laurie Munos, to lead the hotel as it introduces upgraded guest services and newly renovated meeting space.

JOHN SOUTHWELL

John Southwell brings more than 20 years of hospitality experience to his new position as General Manager of the San Jose Marriott.

Prior to joining the San Jose Marriott, Southwell served in the joint capacity of General Manager of the Hilton San Jose and Vice President of Hotel Operations for the hotel's ownership group, DiNapoli Capital Partners.

"I've successfully worked both sides of the fence, representing both hotel management and ownership at the same time. My number one priority is always guest satisfaction. Happy employees make for happy guests and happy guests lead to a profitable hotel," he explains.

A COMMUNITY LEADER

For nearly two decades, Stockwell has played a vital role in promoting San Jose as a destination. He is a founding member of Team San Jose, which operates and markets the San Jose McEnery Convention Center and many of the city's cultural facilities, and serves on the Board of Directors for the San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Stockwell is an active member of the Mayor of San Jose's Role Model Mentor program, San Jose State University's Hospitality Management Advisory Board, the San Jose Office of Economic Development's Work2Future program, the KIPP Foundation Charter School Program Board and Cornell University's Hospitality Management Advisory Board. In his free time, he enjoys coaching the Sharks Youth Hockey League.

He holds a Master of Hotel Management from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Applied Arts, Hospitality & Tourism Management from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto.

LAURIE MUNOS

Upon joining the San Jose Marriott, Director of Sales & Marketing Laurie Munos oversaw the renovation of its 21,000-square-foot of prime meeting space.



“I’m extremely proud of our new product. Bathed in natural light, the space is fresh and modern, providing an ideal setting for groups of up to 900 people. We now offer the fastest hotel Wi-Fi in Silicon Valley and cutting-edge mobile applications to simplify and improve the meeting experience,” states Munos.

Prior to joining the San Jose Marriott, Laurie Munos was the Corporate Account Leader for Marriott’s Western Mountain Pacific Mid-Market Area Sales Team, overseeing 28 top Fortune 500 accounts. By creating innovative sales and revenue tracking tools, she led the team to exceed its annual revenue goal by 147 percent in 2013.

“I feel very fortunate to have represented many brands within Marriott’s vast and varied portfolio of properties. I plan to interweave the best practices of these brands to ensure the utmost level of guest satisfaction at the San Jose Marriott,” explains Munos.

After studying International Relations-Political Science and Russian at the University of Utah, Munos launched her hospitality career as a member of the management team responsible for opening the first American hotel in Russia, the Radisson Slavyanskaya, in 1989. As Catering Sales Manager, she served as the liaison to foreign embassies and corporations when planning their events at the luxury hotel.

SAN JOSE MARRIOTT

The AAA four-diamond San Jose Marriott is located next to the 555,000-square-foot San Jose McEnery Convention Center and steps away from the city’s many cultural and entertainment attractions including the SAP Center – home to blockbuster concerts and the San Jose Sharks.

The 26-story hotel offers 506 guest rooms and suites, 21,000-square-feet of newly renovated meeting space, a fitness center and rooftop pool, and a Concierge Lounge with stunning views of the Silicon Valley. Epicureans will appreciate celebrity chef Michael Mina’s acclaimed Arcadia steakhouse and Tanq Bar with its a sleek underwater ambiance, handcrafted specialty cocktails, regional wines and bar bites.

The San Jose Marriott now offers Mobile Check-In and Check-Out, a dedicated router in each guest room enabling guests to operate six mobile devices simultaneously at lightning fast speed and a new in-room entertainment system packed with popular programming and apps. The San Jose Marriott is located at 301 South Market Street. For more information, please call 1-800-455-8254 or visit www.sanjosemarriott.com.

