



## **JW MARRIOTT EDMONTON TO BE ICE DISTRICT'S FIRST LUXURY HOTEL**

### ***Global Hospitality Brand Continues to Redefine Luxury with First Alberta Hotel***

**EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada - January 13, 2016** – Marriott International (NASDAQ: MAR) and ICE District Properties Joint Venture announced today that the JW Marriott Edmonton, representing one of the company's iconic brands and part of its luxury and lifestyle portfolio, will be ICE District's first luxury hotel. Expected to open in late 2018, and located in the heart of Canada's largest mixed-use sports and entertainment district, the property is one of the most significant hotel developments in Edmonton in more than three decades. The JW Marriott Edmonton was chosen to replace the former Delta Hotel when Marriott International acquired Delta Hotels and Resorts in 2015.

"The new JW Marriott property will provide guests with enriching luxury in the heart of downtown Edmonton," said Don Cleary, President, Marriott Hotels of Canada. "As the largest hotelier in Canada, the opening of JW Marriott Edmonton in ICE District speaks to our continued commitment to providing choices to Canadian customers and the confidence we have in the success of this incredible venture. The hotel will perfectly compliment Edmonton's evolving downtown and tourist landscape. Marriott is proud to work with ICE District to bring the JW Marriott brand's stellar service and unsurpassed guest experiences to this market."

JW Marriott Edmonton will feature 356 rooms and suites, more than 25,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting and conference space and one of the city's largest ballrooms at over 10,000 square feet. The hotel will also feature Spa by JW, a luxurious spa offering an array of treatment options, and a restaurant operated by one of Canada's premier restaurateurs.

"We are thrilled to partner with Marriott and proud to bring the iconic JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts brand to ICE District, and open the first hotel of its name in Alberta, Canada," said Daryl Katz, Chairman, Katz Group. "This remarkable new property will continue to reinvigorate downtown Edmonton and demonstrates our commitment to best in class amenities in ICE District. The JW Marriott brand will bring a heightened hotel experience unlike any other in Edmonton, and provide residents and visitors with an exceptional experience for both business and leisure travel."

For more information and updates on ICE District, visit [www.icedistrict.com](http://www.icedistrict.com).

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### **About ICE District**

ICE District will be the largest mixed-use sports and entertainment district in Canada and is already projecting an energy and feeling unlike anything Edmonton has seen before. ICE District will deliver a new era of entertainment in the form of epic concerts, heart-stopping NHL and WHL hockey, blockbuster movies, world-class gaming, boutique shopping, trendy dining and more. A humming public plaza with year-round programming will host events from festivals to public skating. All of this, just steps from sophisticated residences and premium office space.



Rogers Place is being developed by the Oilers Entertainment Group and the City of Edmonton. ICE District Properties, a mixed-use development surrounding Rogers Place and the Winter Garden, is being developed through a joint venture between Katz Group and WAM Development Group.

### **About JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts**

JW Marriott is part of Marriott International's luxury portfolio and consists of beautiful properties in gateway cities and distinctive resort locations around the world. These elegant hotels cater to today's sophisticated, self-assured travelers, offering them the quiet luxury they seek in a warmly authentic, relaxed atmosphere lacking in pretense. JW Marriott properties artfully provide highly crafted, anticipatory experiences that are reflective of their locale so that their guests have the time to focus on what is most important to them. Currently, there are more than 75 JW Marriott hotels in over 27 countries. Visit us [online](#), on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **About Marriott International**

Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MAR) is a global leading lodging company based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, with more than 4,300 properties in 85 countries and territories. Marriott International reported revenues of nearly \$14 billion in fiscal year 2014. The company operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts under 19 brands, including: The Ritz-Carlton®, Bvlgari®, EDITION®, JW Marriott®, Autograph Collection® Hotels, Renaissance® Hotels, Marriott Hotels®, Delta Hotels and Resorts®, Marriott Executive Apartments®, Marriott Vacation Club®, Gaylord Hotels®, AC Hotels by Marriott®, Courtyard®, Residence Inn®, SpringHill Suites®, Fairfield Inn & Suites®, TownePlace Suites®, Protea Hotels® and MoxyHotels®. Marriott has been consistently recognized as a top employer and for its superior business ethics. The company also manages the award-winning guest loyalty program, Marriott Rewards® and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards® program, which together surpass 54 million members. For more information or reservations, please visit our website at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com), and for the latest company news, visit [www.marriottnewscenter.com](http://www.marriottnewscenter.com).

Note on forward looking statements: The anticipated size and geographic distribution of JW Marriott hotels by 2020 are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws, not historical facts, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including supply and demand changes for hotel rooms; competitive conditions in the lodging industry; relationships with clients and property owners; the availability of capital to finance hotel growth; and other risk factors that Marriott International, Inc. identifies in its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q, any of which could cause the actual number of hotels or locations to be different than we anticipate. These statements are made as of the date of this press release, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise them or any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



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