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Dolce's Lakeway Resort Reaches 'Pinnacle' of Meetings Industry

AUSTIN, T.X. (July 14, 2009) — For the sixth year in its history, the Lakeway Resort and Spa, managed by Dolce Hotels and Resorts in Austin, Texas, has earned one of the hospitality industry's highest honors, the 2009 Pinnacle Award, which reflects the approval of professional meeting planners around the world. Now in its 25th year, the Pinnacle Award is sponsored by Successful Meetings and Meeting News magazines. It recognizes conference facilities, hotels, resorts and destination marketing organizations for their commitment to hospitality excellence. Winners are determined by a vote of meeting planners, who rate the facilities they have used in the past year.

The 168-room Lakeway Resort and Spa, situated on the banks of Lake Travis, is one of just eight hotels and resorts in the West to be so honored. Lakeway Resort's 24,000 square feet of meeting space qualifies it as one of the largest hotel conference centers in the greater Austin area.

"Pinnacle Award winners consistently deliver unparalleled superiority in their levels of service and the quality of their facilities," said Vincent Alonzo, editor in chief of Successful Meetings magazine. "Innovation, customer collaboration and top-notch amenities are the hallmarks of our winners as they strive to meet and exceed both planners' and attendees' expectations."

To win in the conference center category, facilities must be purpose-designed and offer comfortable working environments including individually adjustable lighting, heat and air conditioning, he said. Winning facilities must offer flexible set-up options to provide distraction-free meeting environments. Staff members must demonstrate a willingness to take action and deliver needed services quickly and professionally. Rooms must be clean and comfortable and feature a "good" work area with Internet connectivity, Alonzo said. Amenities must include recreational options and "extra perks." Food and beverage quality and variety are evaluated for meals and refreshment breaks.

"Lakeway Resort and Spa is being honored for our quality and unparalleled level of service," said Stephen Bello, general manager. "Innovation, customer collaboration and top-notch amenities have helped set us apart from the rest. I am delighted on behalf of our associates, who worked so hard to achieve this honor." The Lakeway Resort and Spa also features three restaurants, business center, fitness center, outdoor pools, heated whirlpool, water sports at an adjacent marina on Lake Travis, golf on four nearby courses and the San Saba Spa. Each guest room is equipped with high-speed wireless Internet service, a dual-line telephone, lighted work desk, 32-inch flat-screen TV with in-room movies and satellite stations, coffeemaker, hair dryer and iron and ironing board.

About Lakeway Resort

Majestically situated on the shores of Texas' renowned Lake Travis, Lakeway Resort has been the preferred destination for an unparalleled lakeside experience for over 25 years. Spectacular views only

enhance the 168 guestrooms, suites and villas, 24,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, dining outlets, and calming experience of San Saba Spa. Located just west of downtown, the resort has long been considered the ideal spot for mixing business with pleasure. As a Dolce Resort, Lakeway Resort is managed by a global hospitality company specializing in the meetings experience and resort destinations. Dolce Hotels and Resorts holds a portfolio of 27 unique properties in the United States, Canada, and Europe, each with its own unique style.

Lakeway Resort and Spa is located at 101 Lakeway Drive, Austin, Texas 78734. Reservations may be made by calling toll-free 800-525-3929; local, 512-261-6600, or online at www.lakewayresortandspa.com.

Dolce Hotels and Resorts

Headquartered in Montvale, N.J., and Paris, is majority-owned by Broadreach Capital Partners and employs approximately 4,000 worldwide. Its portfolio of iconic hotels, resorts and conference centers also includes Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose, Calif.; Dolce Sitges in Barcelona, Spain; Seaview, near Atlantic City, N.J.; Dolce Chantilly in France; and Aspen Meadows Resort in Aspen, Colo.

Dolce Hotels and Resorts has earned a reputation for creating inspiring working and learning environments through its superior cuisine and amenities, productive facilities and design, and dedicated, personalized customer service. Additional information is available at www.dolce.com.

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