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## SEASIDE ESTATE L'AUBERGE DEL MAR TO RE-OPEN JUNE 6, 2008

*Extensive Renovation Rejuvenates SoCal Jewel*

Del Mar, California (May 28, 2008) – Ushering in a new era of luxury in coastal Southern California hospitality, L'Auberge Del Mar will re-open its doors on June 6, 2008 after undergoing an extensive renovation. With an elegant new sophisticated look and ambiance, as well as upgraded services and amenities, the renowned 120-room historic resort aims to reclaim its position as a premier boutique hideaway for celebrities and discerning business and leisure travelers in the San Diego area.

Blending the intimate with the indulgent, the renovation has introduced a number of luxurious elements to the resort, including a bright new open-air lobby, enticing guest rooms, refreshed meeting facilities and a new crushed shell pool deck with private cabanas.

"Respecting the relaxed elegance that has encouraged past success, the renovation was planned to take us to a new level of luxury and sophistication," said Michael J. Slosser, Vice President and Managing Director of Operations for Destination Hotels & Resorts. "The results have surpassed our greatest expectations and introduced an enviable level of quality and experience that is unlike anything else in San Diego."

Upon arrival, guests are welcomed in the new lobby, which boasts striking dark wood flooring, inviting furniture and soft lighting. The impressive new lobby will also feature high-tech modular NANA doors that bring the outdoors inside, welcoming beautiful natural light, ocean views and sea breezes. Beyond the lobby, the Waterfall Terrace and pool deck make for a romantic pairing surrounding the new Bleu Bar.

At the new L'Auberge Del Mar, every guest will be a VIP. The pampering begins a few days in advance of the guest's arrival, when the Concierge makes contact to assist with transportation needs, dining, spa and activities reservations, and other schedule preparations. Upon arrival, guests will bypass lines and a sterile front desk experience and will be checked in and provided with refreshments and their itinerary in the comfort of the lobby.

All guest rooms have a sophisticated new look, the latest in technological advancements and high-end personal amenities. Designer Barclay Butera of Newport Beach, best known for his work with luxurious private estates and homes, has produced a relaxing environment with all of the comforts of home, including custom-designed furniture, premium bedding, I-Pod docking stations, and 42-inch flat screen televisions. Many guest rooms feature romantic fireplaces and 14 garden level rooms boast secluded cabana-inspired patios, providing private,

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romantic settings both indoors and out. Additionally, all bathrooms have been completely renovated and feature impressive walk-in showers and marble-topped vanities with custom amenities.

With its completely transformed function space, L'Auberge Del Mar is once again the top choice for meetings, weddings and other special events. Much like the rest of the resort, the event space offers planners the best in design and technology, as well as over 15,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, including six uniquely designed meeting rooms and several beautiful outdoor venues with views of the Pacific Ocean. A new outdoor terrace features 2,000 square feet of space for weddings and private events. James Beard Chef Paul McCabe, the resort's executive chef, has created incredible banquet menus and a new banquet service concept which eliminates long lines, sure to please an array of guests.

Slated to open in November 2008, the new signature restaurant will combine world-class dining with a spirited atmosphere, offering guests the choice of dining under the stars or in a sleek and modern dining room lined with fireplaces. Always on the forefront of culinary trends, McCabe will be presenting innovation at its finest at the new restaurant and his market and farm-driven menus will feature farm-fresh produce, sustainable seafood, and hormone-free meats, constantly evolving with seasonality. Inspired by New York architect Andre Kikoski, the new restaurant at L'Auberge Del Mar will boast white vaulted ceilings, an elegant fireplace and modern furniture, offering a level of contemporary-chic sophistication rarely seen at a resort. An inviting new wine bar will double as a dining counter, offering an intriguing glimpse into the energy and excitement of an open kitchen.

A new 4,500 square foot luxury spa will be introduced in February 2009 and will be set in a freestanding facility, creating an oasis of pampering for guests and locals alike. The spa is planned to be one of the finest in Southern California, offering the latest treatments and amenities, including environmentally and vegan friendly products and packaging. Featuring 95 percent organic ingredients, spa treatments will include exotic items such as Indonesian ginger, yuchayu oil, red coral and sweet jasmine, and a signature line of products from the completely organic Pevonia line. Spa services will be available in the property's existing spa from June to December.

### **About L'Auberge Del Mar**

L'Auberge Del Mar is located in the heart of Southern California's most picturesque coastal village of Del Mar. The historic seaside resort, managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts, will set a new standard in Southern California coastal hospitality as a result of a \$26 million comprehensive property scheduled for completion in June 2008. The revitalized L'Auberge will introduce an upgraded resort that is reminiscent of a welcoming, private coastal estate, including a redesign of its 120 guest rooms and suites, lobby, pool deck and more. Coming in November the property will also feature a new restaurant with James Beard Chef Paul McCabe at the helm. For information or reservations, call (800)245-9757 or (858) 259-1515 or visit [www.laubergedelmar.com](http://www.laubergedelmar.com)

### **About Destination Hotels & Resorts**

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