

## SEASIDE ESTATE L'AUBERGE DEL MAR SUCCESSFUL WITH RENOVATION

*Extensive Renovation Rejuvenates SoCal Jewel*

**Del Mar, California (November 4, 2009)** – Ushering in a new era of luxury in coastal Southern California hospitality, L'Auberge Del Mar has experienced great success after undergoing an extensive renovation in June 2008. With a sophisticated new look and ambiance, upgraded services and amenities, the renowned 120-room historic resort is the premiere boutique hideaway for celebrities and discerning leisure and business travelers in the San Diego area. Blending the intimate with the indulgent, the bright open-air lobby, enticing guest rooms, refreshed meeting facilities and revitalized courtyard complete L'Auberge Del Mar's new look. "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 expanded lobby, which boasts striking dark wood flooring, inviting furniture and soft lighting. The impressive lobby also features 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 restaurant and pool deck make for a romantic pairing surrounding the new Bleu Bar.

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

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 16,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, including six uniquely designed meeting rooms and several beautiful outdoor venues with views of the Pacific Ocean. The brand new outdoor Sunset Terrace features 2,500 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.

The new signature restaurant, KITCHEN 1540 combines world-class dining with a spirited atmosphere, offering guests the choice of dining under the stars, in a private cabana or in the sleek and modern dining room, with the fireplace focal point.

Always on the forefront of culinary trends, Executive Chef Paul McCabe presents innovation at its finest at the new restaurant and his market and farm-driven menus features farm-fresh produce, sustainable seafood, and hormone-free meats, constantly evolving with seasonality. Inspired by New York architect Andre Kikoski, KITCHEN 1540 boasts 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 doubles as a dining counter, offering an intriguing glimpse into the energy and excitement of an open kitchen.

Spa L'Auberge, newly opened in March 2009, is L'Auberge Del Mar's 5,000 square foot luxury, freestanding spa, creating an oasis of pampering for guests and locals alike. The spa has already been honored with numerous awards, including Spa Magazine's Silver Sage Award for Favorite Spa for Couples, as well as San Diego Magazine's Best Spa by the Sea.

Spa L'Auberge offers 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, red coral and sweet jasmine, and a signature line of products from the completely organic Pevonia line.

L'Auberge Del Mar, [www.laubergedelmar.com](http://www.laubergedelmar.com), is one of more than 30 independent, upscale hotels, resorts and conference centers managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts, which is consistently rated one of the top 10 independent hospitality management companies in the United States. To protect and preserve the unique communities in which the company operates, Destination launched Destination Earth, an environmental sustainability program in 2008. New for 2009 is the 582-room Terranea Resort situated on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in southern California which opened to the public in June. The 102-acre ocean front resort features a 25,000-square-foot destination spa, three swimming pools, three ocean view restaurants and a Todd Eckenrode-designed par three golf course. In addition to Terranea in the greater Los Angeles area, Destination operates properties in key metropolitan areas and resort markets including Washington, D.C., Denver, San Diego, Santa Fe, Aspen, Palm Springs, Houston and Lake Tahoe. Destination is a subsidiary of Los Angeles-based investment, development and management firm Lowe Enterprises. For more information on the properties in the Destination Hotels & Resorts collection, please visit [www.destinationhotels.com](http://www.destinationhotels.com) or to join the company's loyalty program for the best offers available, visit [www.destinationdelivers.com](http://www.destinationdelivers.com).