

SPA L'AUBERGE COMPLETES L'AUBERGE DEL MAR *Tranquil Spa Brings an Added Elegance to Escape by the Sea*

Del Mar, California (October 26, 2009) –L'Auberge Del Mar, managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts, completed the final phase of its comprehensive property renovation in March 2009 as the highly anticipated new spa facility opened its doors to guests and locals seeking signature treatments at the seaside resort.

The completed property offers guests and locals a place to relax in style with all the comforts of a casual beach atmosphere, the privacy of a coastal estate, and the refined services and amenities that have come to define the L'Auberge experience. Designed by acclaimed architect Cary Collier of Blu Spas Inc., the all new 5,000 square-foot free-standing Spa L'Auberge serves as an oasis for those seeking a pampered rejuvenation with welcoming spa therapists, soothing treatment suites and an overall beach cottage ambiance. The new spa menu, created by 11-year L'Auberge veteran Spa Director Jeannette Handson, features a diverse selection of professional treatments designed to soothe mind, body, and soul. Utilizing a unique collection of organic and vegan product lines, as well as exotic plant extracts from unique destinations, the tranquil treatments distinguishes Spa L'Auberge as a restful retreat. Ten cozy treatment rooms, including a romantic couple's suite, multiple indoor and outdoor relaxation areas, and locker and rejuvenation facilities greet guests seeking the spa's unique range of classic and signature services. Treatments include massages, body wraps, facials, and new signature Seaside Sojourns that feature ingredients and techniques from exotic regions around the world.

Signature restaurant KITCHEN 1540 opened in November 2008 to large-scale critical acclaim and praise from diners of all kinds. The restaurant has already received rave reviews, including 944 Magazine's Editor's Choice: Eat This and OpenTable's Diner's Choice in 2009. Executive Chef Paul McCabe, who has recently been named "Best Chef" in the region by Ranch & Coast Magazine and is consistently receiving glowing reviews from culinary journalists, is at the helm of KITCHEN 1540 and is responsible for its farm-to-plate concept. His menus, which change according to seasonality, utilize the freshest seasonal produce, sustainable seafood and hormone-free meats, as well as an extensive wine list, full bar and specialty cocktails. Designed by renowned New York architect Andrew Kikoski, KITCHEN 1540 offers guests an elegant and contemporary take on the classic seaside restaurant; with white vaulted-more ceilings, an open presentation kitchen, sleek, modern table settings, a private dining room wrapped in wine-encased glass walls and an outside dining and lounge area.

Blending the intimate with the indulgent, the bright new open-air lobby, enticing guest rooms, refreshed meeting facilities and a new crushed shell pool deck with private cabanas are highlights at L'Auberge Del Mar. 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. Additionally, all bathrooms feature impressive walk-in showers and marble-topped vanities with custom amenities.

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