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The Marquette Hotel Awarded with the AAA Four Diamond Rating

16 September 2004, Miami - The Marquette Hotel, which recently announced the completion of a 15-month \$13.5 million makeover, was awarded the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Rating on September 9, 2004. "What an exciting year it has been for The Marquette Hotel. The completion of an extensive renovation, and now this," smiled Gerard Viardin, the hotel's General Manager.

AAA publishing, one of the world's largest travel information publishers, awards the AAA Four Diamond Rating after a complete evaluation of a hotel's overall quality, including both physical attributes and service levels. The award recognizes the hotel as an upscale establishment in all areas, from its refined and stylish accommodation to the extensive array of amenities, combined with the highest degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail.

Gerard Viardin adds, "The entire team at The Marquette Hotel is delighted with the AAA Four Diamond Rating and knowing that our property is part of this exclusive group is exhilarating. The most memorable moment of this year's award was given by the award presenter, as she recognized the team's contribution by stating the lasting impression she would have of the genuinely friendly and attentive service she received from our team."

The Marquette Hotel combines luxury, design, and service. With renovated bedrooms and suites, offering new furnishings and Pillow-Top Sealy

Posturepedic™ mattresses, guests are sure to indulge in cozy comfort. Additional features include: new floor-to-ceiling mirrors on sliding closet walls, a large eight-foot crescent moon shaped work desk, oversize armchair with cushioned ottoman to watch the 24 inch built in television, and granite-topped cabinets to house the mini-bar and all new amenities. The hotel lives by its new slogan – Renowned. Refined. Redesigned.

The Marquette Hotel, a Hilton International property, is located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has been providing elegant accommodations and superior, attentive service for both business and leisure travelers for more than 30 years.

To book a stay at The Marquette, call 1-800-HILTONS or visit www.hilton.com

Notes to editor:

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- Hilton International (HI), an operating division of the UK based Hilton Group plc, owns the rights to the Hilton brand name throughout the world, with the exception of the USA. HI operates 394 hotels, with some 253 branded Hilton, 46 of which under the Hilton Worldwide Resorts, plus 141 under the mid-market Scandic brand. Under a joint venture agreement, Hilton International and the North American based Hilton Hotels Corporation (HHC) share responsibility for the Conrad brand, which includes 17 hotels in 12 countries.
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