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**THE JORDAN VALLEY MARRIOTT GOES GREEN  
BY OFFICIALLY SWITCHING TO SOLAR ENERGY**

Amman May 2009 - For more than 20 years, Marriott has been actively involved in energy conservation. Marriott Hotels in Jordan and the Business Tourism Company are honored to be joining in this endeavor. As part of their commitment to this effort, the Jordan Valley Marriott Resort & Spa is the first hotel in the Middle East who has completed the installation of 275 solar panels, enabling the resort to officially switch to solar panel energy. On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the resort and the Business Tourism Company celebrated the event in the presence of the Minister of Environment, H.E. Khaled Irani, Chairman of the Board of the Business Tourism Company, Mr. Nadim Muasher and top officials from various parts of the governmental and private sectors that are keen on making renewable energy a priority in Jordan. A short presentation and a tour of the solar panels were followed by a light lunch.

To reduce its environmental footprint, Marriott is committed to:

- Reducing its fuel and water consumption by an additional 25 percent per available room over the next 10 years.
- Installing solar power at up to 40 hotels by 2017.
- Expanding existing “reduce, reuse, recycle” programs already in place in 90 percent of hotels to consistently include guest and meeting rooms.

Philip Papadopoulos, the General Manager of the Jordan Valley Marriott Resort & Spa said, “We are proud to be the first hotel in the Middle East and most probably among few worldwide in such scale who have installed such a system.” He added, “Our aim is to have the most environmentally friendly hotels with employees that are environmentally conscious. Marriott is committed to the responsibility of protecting the environment for our employees, our guests and communities.”

Over the last decade, Marriott Hotels worldwide have replaced 450,000 light bulbs with fluorescent lighting, introduced linen reuse programs, and installed 400,000 low-flow showerheads and toilets. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded Marriott with its 2009 Sustained Excellence award and placed the ENERGY STAR® label on more than [275 of its hotels](#) (the most of any hotel company).

Marriott International manages three properties in Jordan, the Amman Marriott Hotel, the Petra Marriott Hotel and the Jordan Valley Marriott Resort & Spa.

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