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JW Marriott Indianapolis Named 2013 Pinnacle Award Recipient The Pinnacle Award is presented by Successful Meetings Magazine

Indianapolis, IN – Oct. 15, 2013 – The JW Marriott Indianapolis and White Lodging Services are excited to announce the Indianapolis hotel has received its first 2013 Pinnacle Award, presented by Successful Meetings Magazine. The award is given to those hotels, resorts, and conference centers that represent the highest standards of excellence.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the top destinations for meetings and events," said Scott Blalock, general manager at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. "Earning the Pinnacle Award is the result of a team effort by over 800 associates bringing the commitment to be the best every day. I am proud of our hotel as we work towards our vision to become the best convention hotel in the country."

The award is considered to be one of the most prestigious in the meetings industry. Award-winning hotels and organizations are selected by Successful Meetings Magazine readers based on their meeting experience, incentive travel programs, trade shows and conventions during the previous year.

"To receive the Pinnacle Award from the readers of Successful Meetings Magazine and be one of only 13 hotels in the United States to receive this recognition is an extraordinary honor for

our hotel," said Anne Dunlavy, director of sales and marketing. "The award is a reflection of our entire team's dedication and commitment to ensuring that each and every meeting at our hotel is exceptional."

The winning hotels and resorts are recognized in Successful Meetings' annual "Pinnacle Registry" and can be viewed online at www.SuccessfulMeetings.com/Pinnacle.

About JW Marriott Indianapolis

The JW Marriott Indianapolis opened in February 2011. The hotel offers 1,005 guest rooms in a 33-story tower, and 103,000 square feet of onsite function space. The hotel is connected by a sky bridge to the Indiana Convention Center and has three onsite, distinctive dining options, a full-service Starbucks, a state-of-the-art fitness center, an indoor pool and a multi-million dollar public art plaza. The JW Marriott Indianapolis has also been recognized by the America's Lodging Investment Summit as the "Development of the Year" for 2011, received Marriott International's "Full Service Opening of the Year" and was named as one of Fox News' Top 10 New Hotels. For more information on the hotel, or to book a room, visit www.jwindy.com and follow the hotel on Twitter at @JWMarriottIndy and on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/JWMarriottIndianapolis.

About JW Marriott

JW Marriott is part of Marriott International's luxury portfolio and consists of beautiful properties in gateway cities and distinctive resort locations around the world. These elegant hotels cater to today's sophisticated, self-assured travelers, offering them the quiet luxury they seek in a warmly authentic, relaxed atmosphere lacking in pretense. JW Marriott properties artfully provide highly crafted, anticipatory experiences that are reflective of their locale so that their guests have the time to focus on what is most important to them. Currently, there are 57 JW Marriott hotels in 23 countries; by 2015 the portfolio is expected to encompass 79 properties in 28 countries. www.marriott.com/jw-marriott/travel.mi

About White Lodging

White Lodging Services Corporation was established in 1985 and is headquartered in Merrillville, Ind. White Lodging is a fully integrated hotel ownership, development and operations company focused on developing and operating premium-branded hotels in growing urban markets across the United States. The company is a recognized leader that has defined and cultivated the ability to achieve consistent, sustainable growth among mid- to large-scale hotels. Its current portfolio consists of more than 168 hotels in 21 states and encompasses representation of the following leading brands: Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Worldwide, Hyatt Global, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Preferred Hotel Group and InterContinental Hotel Group. For more information about White Lodging, please visit www.whitelodging.com.

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