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## **COURTYARD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA COMPLETES MAJOR LOBBY AND ROOMS RENOVATION**

***Intuitive lobby design features high-tech GoBoard®, flexible work and social spaces, and 24/7 food and beverage market***

[Phoenix, Arizona] – March 24, 2014 – The 164-room Courtyard by Marriott located at 2029 W Whispering Wind Drive in Phoenix, Arizona has completed a major renovation of its lobby and guest rooms. The hotel now features the brand’s intuitive Refreshing Business lobby concept, where guests can enjoy an open and flexible space. Along with media pods, Wi-Fi and a variety of seating zones, the redefined space is ideal for everything from pop-up meetings to social gatherings.

The 164-room Courtyard Phoenix North Happy Valley also now offers a comfortable and stylish room design. Thoughtfully planned, each room features plush bedding, a functional work space, spacious bathrooms, a separate seating area and complimentary in-room high-speed Internet. Providing a warm, sophisticated environment, the hotel’s rooms accommodate guests’ desire to stay connected, productive and refreshed during their stay.

“From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to what travelers want from a hotel,” said Janis Milham, vice president and global brand manager, Courtyard. “Guests want more control and choice with services and amenities that create a healthy balance between working and relaxing. The Courtyard lobby invites guests to get out of their rooms to work, socialize or be entertained, whether traveling alone or with colleagues.”

The open, bright and contemporary Courtyard hotel lobby welcomes guests with vivid contrasting colors, including blue, green, orange and red. Adaptable seating options range from a communal table in the middle of the action, to more private media booths with high-definition televisions, to a more intimate, semi-enclosed lounge area.

Dining has also been completely redesigned with The Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect.<sup>®</sup>, offering casual, flexible seating; easier access to food and higher quality, healthier menu options for breakfast; and light evening fare, including snacks, cocktails, wine and beer so guests can unwind. Coffee lovers can also enjoy freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. The Market<sup>™</sup>, a 24/7 shop for snacks, beverages and sundries, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste guests may have forgotten to pack.

A key component of the Courtyard lobby is the newly enhanced GoBoard<sup>®</sup>, which presents local information, maps, weather, and headline news on a 55-inch LCD touch screen. Designed with today's busy traveler in mind, the award-winning GoBoard<sup>®</sup> features mobile integration, enabling guests to send directions from the GoBoard<sup>®</sup> directly to their smart phones. Guests can also touch the screen for immediate access to detailed flight information for local airports, popular entertainment and local event information, as well as walking directions.

Throughout the hotel, guests can connect to complimentary Wi-Fi, and there are ample electrical outlets in the lobby to power digital devices. The business library features several computer terminals, along with a printer and separate computer stations dedicated solely to printing airline boarding passes and checking flight status.

Green has been Courtyard's signature color since Marriott launched the brand 30 years ago. Now it is even greener with the introduction of a guest recycling program for the environment. Receptacles for paper, glass, plastic and metal are conveniently located by side exits.

Courtyard by Marriott offers a refreshing environment that helps guests stay connected, productive and balanced. Intuitive services and design accommodate guests' needs for choice and control. With more than 950 locations in 38 countries and territories, Courtyard hotels participate in the award-winning Marriott Rewards<sup>®</sup> frequent travel program that allows members to earn hotel points or airline miles for every dollar spent during each stay. For more information or reservations, contact the Courtyard Phoenix North Happy Valley directly at 623-580-8844, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, visit [www.courtyard.com](http://www.courtyard.com) or become a fan at [www.facebook.com/courtyard](http://www.facebook.com/courtyard).

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