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JW MARRIOTT INDIANAPOLIS NAMED THE JW HOTEL OF THE YEAR FOR MARRIOTT'S WESTERN REGION

JW Marriott Indianapolis won the award for the first time at the Marriott Western Region Conference

Merrillville, Ind. – May 28, 2013 – JW Marriott and White Lodging Services are pleased to announce that the JW Marriott Indianapolis received the 'JW Hotel of the Year' award for Marriott's Western Region at the Marriott Western Region General Managers Conference held in San Antonio.

"I could not be more proud to represent the JW Marriott Indianapolis when I received the award in San Antonio," said Scott Blalock, the General Manager of the JW Marriott Indianapolis. "It is an amazing honor and I want to thank all of our associates for their commitment and dedication to be the best in the JW brand."

Winners of this excellence award were nominated and selected by the Marriott Western Region. As the hotel of the year, JW Marriott Indianapolis was recognized as the top JW hotel for service, guest experience and financial success of the property.

"Our associates are the true driving force behind the hotel's success as we aim to make each individual guest feel at home," said Blalock. "Our team works so hard to deliver outstanding service every day and this validates all of our hard work."

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.

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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 60 JW Marriott hotels in 24 countries; by 2015 the portfolio is expected to encompass 79 properties in 28 countries. Visit us online, jwmarriott.com, jwmarriott.

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