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Radisson Fort McDowell wins worldwide awards during Carlson Hotels conference

The Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center continues to garner awards and praise worldwide. During the Carlson Hotels Worldwide Business Conference, held in Paris, France on May 8-11, 2007, the AAA-four diamond resort won no less than three major awards:

- **White Glove Award:** just one Radisson in the 240-hotel chain, the Radisson Fort McDowell was selected by a survey of the industry's most exacting judges—the customers—for this singular honor.
- **Radisson President's Award:** The President's Award represents the best of the best of the Radisson properties in the Americas and Great Britain. The award recognizes "hotels that have demonstrated their exceptional commitment to guest service and product quality," says Nancy Johnson, executive vice president of full service hotels for Carlson Hotels Worldwide. This year, just 42 properties were singled out for honors
- **Guest's Choice Award:** also awarded by survey, this award recognizes customer's favorite hotels.

"These three awards are what the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation had in mind from the very start when considering a luxury resort in our community," says Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Raphael Bear. "Our goal then and now is to build great projects, and it's clear from the accolades showered upon our resort by the Carlson Group that our original concept is bearing fruit. It's also gratifying that our approach to building quality into all of our economic enterprises is recognized throughout the entire hotel and resort industry."

Bear added, "Although we are proud to receive these awards, we are aware that much work remains to be done, so our work of building a prosperous and sustainable community continues."

"Today, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is realizing the fruits of many years' labor by strong leaders of yesterday and today," says FMYN Vice President Bernadine Burnette. "These awards that our Radisson Fort McDowell Resort earned are the result of the positive attitude and sincerity of our management and employees. We're also very excited for and appreciative of another successful enterprise in the customer service and entertainment industries.

"We truly want to say thank you to all the employees that made this happen."

"To receive so many awards within such a short amount of time is a tremendous achievement," said Greg Carrish, general manager of the resort. "Since we opened our doors on November 30, 2005, we've been blessed with a staff of highly talented and customer-centric individuals who demonstrate our 'Yes I Can' philosophy on a daily basis. I congratulate each one of them for their contributions in helping us achieve such honors, and proudly celebrate these accomplishments with them

Last year, the 247-room resort won a coveted AAA Four Diamond Award, and repeated the honor for 2007. The hotel, which features exterior and interior décor rooted in Yavapai culture, also has a 24,000-square-foot conference center, state-of-the-art technology and the friendliest staff anywhere. Guests also can enjoy some of Arizona's most stunning Sonoran Desert and mountain scenery; the finest in Southwestern contemporary cuisine, including menu items from Fort McDowell Farms; and easy access

to championship golf at WeKoPa Golf Club, authentic Western fun at Fort McDowell Adventures, exciting fun at Fort McDowell Casino for the grownups and one of the Valley's best fun pools for the entire family.

For more information on the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center, call 480/836-5300 or visit fortmcdowelldestination.com.

About Fort McDowell: The Fort McDowell Yavapai, the "People of the Four Peaks" are one of three Yavapai tribes in Arizona. The nation, which has lived and prospered in Central Arizona for thousands of years, was granted a 24,000-acre reservation 35 miles northeast of Phoenix in 1903. Over the ensuing years, Fort McDowell has opened and/or expanded tribal enterprises such as *Fort McDowell Yavapai Materials*, a multi-million dollar supplier of the finest sand and gravel products to the Valley; *Fort McDowell Adventures*, the nation's outdoor Western entertainment venue in the area's most pristine location; *Fort McDowell Farms*, which produces alfalfa, citrus and pecans for sale; the *Radisson Poco Diablo Resort* in Sedona, Ariz.; *Ba'ja Gas and Convenience Store*; *Eagle View (Aseh Gweh Oou-o) RV Resort*; *WeKoPa Golf Club*, one of Arizona's finest public championship courses; and of course, *Fort McDowell Casino*, the state's first and best gaming facility. The nation's newest enterprise, the AAA-four diamond rated *Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Convention Center*, opened in December 2005, and WeKoPa's second 18-hole course, the *Saguaro* opened in December 2006.

About Carlson Hotels Worldwide: Minneapolis-based Carlson Hotels Worldwide includes five hotel brands, totaling more than 945 hotels in 71 countries. Hotel brands include: Regent Hotels & Resorts, one of the most respected brands in the luxury segment of the lodging industry; Radisson Hotels & Resorts® (www.radisson.com), one of the world's leading upscale hotel companies with 400 locations in 63 countries; Park Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, positioned in the mid-scale segment of the full-service hotel category, has 44 hotels globally and is known for its great value and customer-focused service culture; Country Inns & Suites By Carlson®, one of the fastest growing, mid-tier lodging chains with over 410 locations offering excellent value with upgraded services and amenities; and Park Inn®, with 85 hotels worldwide, is a unique emerging hotel brand offering a relaxed environment in the economy category and is poised for aggressive global growth.

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