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Dolce International Launches Lakeway Resort and Spa The Rebirth of a Legend

AUSTIN, Texas (April 18, 2007) ~ More than 200 guests from across the nation joined Dolce International, Behringer Harvard and country singer-songwriter Kelly Willis in a weekend celebrating the launch of Lakeway Resort and Spa, the legendary resort situated on the shores of Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. Unmistakably unique as Austin itself, Lakeway Resort and Spa underwent a multi-million redevelopment, re-branding and renaming over the past two years, when it was purchased by the Texas-based Behringer Harvard Funds, a Dallas real estate investment firm.

Formerly the Lakeway Inn, the Lakeway Resort and Spa joined Dolce International's 23 Hotel, Resort & Conference Destinations in the U.S., Canada and Europe two years ago when Dolce was awarded the management contract.

The classic Lake Travis resort is a hybrid of intelligent style and unpretentious, Austin class. While the new full-service San Saba Spa and a 5,200-square-foot, glass-enclosed ballroom overlooking the lake top the list of amenities, no area of the resort was left untouched. Two presidential suites and 166 spacious guest rooms were remodeled; 24,000 square feet of lakeside meeting rooms were updated; a new executive chef now oversees the acclaimed Travis restaurant and two remodeled bars (Josey's and The Back Porch); three new tiers of lakeside swimming pools with a swim up bar and a "little devil's cove" with it's own two story waterslide; and a Poolside Grill have been added.

Nearby, the World of Tennis facility offering indoor and outdoor courts, four championship golf courses and a full-service marina for fishing, sailing, boat rentals, water sports and private charters make Lakeway Resort and Spa a one of a kind Texas resort destination.

"The glass ballroom is a true masterpiece" said Jeff Burns, General Manager. "We wanted to capture the uniqueness of this land and create a building that would complement the beautiful views of the rolling hills and miles of the Lake Travis shoreline". "Our guests will marvel at the beauty inside and out".

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Nothing has been left out. Among the innovations is a new partnership with Camp Champions, a central Texas accredited boys and girls summer program established in 1967. The first of its kind, the program will allow children staying at the resort exclusive summer access to Camp Champions at Lakeway Resort and Spa. Children ages 5-16 are a short, on-site barge ride away from a variety of recreational activities, including week-long, sport specific training from Camp Champions staff and counselors on how to sail, fish, wakeboard, water ski, play golf or tennis.

“Lakeway Resort and Spa is a magnificent lakeside resort in a quickly expanding market,” said Steve Giblin, President and Chief Operating Officer of Dolce International. “Because of Austin’s strategic location between Dallas and Houston, Lakeway has long been considered the most convenient location for meetings and vacations. Lakeway Resort and Spa is the only resort of its size and stature on Lake Travis.”

The weekend long launch ‘The Rebirth of a Legend’ included a spectacular pool side welcome reception with the band ‘Big Blue Hearts’. Saturday morning guests had their choice of a sailing regatta, fishing, golf or spa services. The pinnacle of the weekend was the breathtaking chef table in the new glass ballroom with a special interment performance by Kelly Willis.

About Dolce International

Dolce International is the leading international hospitality company specializing in the meetings experience. The company has a portfolio of 23 unique properties in the United States, Canada and Europe. Each property features a different style ranging from a contemporary conference hotel, to an authentic alpine village, to a New England-style country resort, to a modern Spanish resort by the sea, to a traditional corporate learning center. All Dolce Destinations meet the high standards of the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). While Dolce International specializes in the meetings niche of the hospitality industry, the company also caters to leisure travelers and individual business travelers, and offers a variety of venues for events. Headquartered in Montvale, New Jersey and Paris, France, the company has approximately 3,000 employees. For more information, visit the website at www.dolce.com.

About Lakeway Resort and Spa

Majestically situated on the shores of Texas’ renowned Lake Travis, Lakeway Resort and Spa has been the preferred lake destination for locals and those with “inside” underground knowledge of Austin. Long considered a conveniently located spot for mixing business with pleasure, Lakeway has hosted the who’s who of Texas, as well as travelers from around the world. The 168-room classic resort features a full-service spa, three multi-tiered swimming pools with cabanas, an acclaimed restaurant and bar, a marina, nearby golfing, fishing and tennis and more than 24,000 square feet of lakeside meeting space. A Dolce International property, Lakeway Resort and Spa is located at 101 Lakeway Drive, Austin, Texas 78734. Reservations may be made online at www.lakeway.dolce.com or by calling toll-free 800-525-3929; local, 512-261-6600.

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