



## **MIRAMONTE RESORT & SPA WELCOMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER RICHARD BEHR TO THE MEDITERRANEAN-INSPIRED DESERT RESORT**

*(Indian Wells, CA)* - Richard Behr has been named General Manager of the Miramonte Resort & Spa, a Destination Hotels & Resorts property, the most unique hotel product in one of the country's most affluent communities. In his new position, Mr. Behr will lead the resort's team and oversee more than \$9 million in renovations this year. Renovations have included a complete renovation of rooms, THE WELL Spa, new restaurant design and the addition of a new ballroom and event lawn slated for January 2007. With more than 18 years in the hospitality industry Behr is well positioned to ensure success in his new role.

"We're excited to have Richard onboard at Miramonte Resort & Spa," says David Renker, Vice President of Sales. "He has stellar experience in the industry and is joining us as we enter an exciting new phase."

Prior to his arrival at Miramonte Resort & Spa, Behr served as the General Manager of the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas, a Merv Griffin Hotel and positioned the property to compete in the upscale Scottsdale market. Previous to his role at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas, Behr provided leadership for Arizona's Royal Palms Resort & Spa, a Destination Hotels & Resorts property, as Resort Manager where he guided the four-star/four-diamond boutique in obtaining the highest guest service survey scores in the properties' history. Behr began his career in the hospitality industry at the acclaimed Phoenician Resort in Phoenix, where he served in various roles including Concierge Manager, Guest Services Manager and Director of Restaurants.

Behr's appointment as General Manager at Miramonte Resort & Spa marks his return to Destination Hotels & Resorts. As General Manager Behr will be overseeing more than 225 staff members, 215 rooms and a world-class spa at Miramonte. Behr will also help complete the property's \$9 million renovation, which will include a new 6,000 square-foot ballroom, and 3,000 square-foot event lawn, as well as the new restaurant design. "Miramonte Resort & Spa is boutique in nature, catering to high-end seasoned travelers or groups seeking a tranquil, intimate experience with high levels of service and extraordinary culinary offerings," says Behr. While the California desert is continually creating expanded facilities and adding more large corporate hotels, Behr's goal remains steadfast: maintain the tranquil, old world charm of the luxurious Miramonte Resort & Spa.

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Miramonte Resort & Spa brings the spirit of the Mediterranean to the California desert community of Indian Wells, just minutes from Palm Springs. The intimate village, featuring THE WELL Spa, Coachella Valley's only Mobil-rated destination spa, and Mediterranean-inspired Ristorante Brissago, offer guests an unforgettable experience in an extraordinary environment. Whether a stay at Miramonte Resort & Spa is for serious business or pure pleasure, it is sure to be a memorable one. For more information or to make reservations, please visit [www.miramonteresort.com](http://www.miramonteresort.com) or [www.thewellatmiramonte.com](http://www.thewellatmiramonte.com).

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