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LODGE & SPA

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BERNARDUS LODGE & SPA APPOINTS SEAN DAMERY AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

CARMEL VALLEY, CALIF., 2015 – The Bernardus Lodge & Spa announced the appointment of Sean Damery as Vice President and General Manager. Damery will be responsible for all aspects of day-to-day management for the award-winning Forbes Four Star property. www.bernarduslodge.com.

A veteran of the hospitality industry with more than 20 years' experience, Damery previously served as Executive Vice President of Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa in Colorado where he was credited with a series of major accomplishments including managing the multi-million dollar expansion of the 6,000-acre resort and recalibrating service standards. Previously he held the post of General Manager of the Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa and Director of Operations at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, both located in California. Damery has also held executive level positions in both rooms division and food and beverage operations at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa and the Four Seasons Hualalai.



“Sean will be integral in taking the Bernardus Lodge & Spa to the next level, which is a long-held vision of the new ownership,” according to Josh Keller, Chief Operating Officer of Woodside Hotels, the new management company for the property. “His diverse background in all fields of high-end luxury hospitality coupled with an incredible eye for detail and meticulous guest service is the perfect fit for this iconic property.”

Damery resides in Carmel Valley, California with his wife and two children. He enjoys surfing and spending time with his family.

About the Bernardus Lodge and Spa

Set on 26 pristine Carmel Valley acres awash with vineyards and lavender, Bernardus Lodge & Spa boasts 57 luxurious guestrooms, award-winning dining, the signature Spa at Bernardus Lodge, two swimming pools, an alfresco bocce court and 4,300 sq. ft. of meeting space. The property holds numerous awards and accolades including *Conde Nast Traveler's* annual Gold List 2014,

U.S News & World Report's "Best Hotels in the USA" in 2015, and the Forbes Four-Star award for the Resort, the Spa and the Restaurant in 2015 as well as a multiple AAA Four Diamond Award winner. The Lodge is perennially recognized by discerning readers of *Travel and Leisure's* "World's Best Hotels" and *Conde Nast Traveler's* "Top Hotels" and as well as being a *Wine Spectator* Grand Award recipient (2001-2014) and voted "Top Food & Wine Resorts" and "Top Spa Resorts" in the annual worldwide reader survey of *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*.

Bernardus Lodge is located in Carmel Valley on the Monterey Peninsula, 120 mi./193 km. south of San Francisco and 330 mi./531 km. north of Los Angeles. The Lodge is a 20-minute drive from the Pacific Ocean, Pebble Beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Monterey and a 45-minute drive from scenic Big Sur. For information, contact Bernardus Lodge at 831-658-3400 or visit www.bernarduslodge.com.

About Woodside Hotels

Woodside Hotels (www.woodsidehotels.com) is a Bay Area-based owner and operator of distinguished independent upscale hotels restaurants and spas. Woodside is a family-owned business comprised of dedicated and passionate hoteliers who take great pride in delivering authentic hospitality and affordable luxury. Embracing the independent and entrepreneurial spirit of the company's founding, Woodside provides service that is warm and engaging, hotels that are distinguished and experiences that are authentically local.

The Woodside Hotels' portfolio includes Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, Stanford Park Hotel, Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Hotel Drisco, Napa Valley Lodge, Bodega Bay Lodge and Bernardus Lodge & Spa. Six of its seven hotels are rated #1 by TripAdvisor in their respective markets including the Hotel Drisco, the #1 rated hotel in San Francisco and the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, the #1 rated hotel on the Monterey Peninsula.

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