

STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS

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### **Information about the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transactions, Host Marriott Corporation filed a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus as part of a registration statement on Form S-4 on December 9, 2005 and other documents regarding the proposed transactions with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). In addition, Host Marriott Corporation will prepare and file a definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents regarding the proposed transactions with the SEC. **Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus (and all amendments and supplements to it) becomes available because it contains important information about Host Marriott Corporation, Starwood Hotels & Resorts and the proposed transactions.** A definitive proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to stockholders of Host Marriott Corporation seeking their approval of the issuance of shares of Host Marriott Corporation common stock in the transactions contemplated by the master agreement. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed by Host Marriott Corporation with the SEC at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents may also be obtained, when available, free of cost by directing a request to Host Marriott Corporation, 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1500, Bethesda, MD 20817, Attention Investor Relations, (telephone 240-744-1000). Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant material when they become available before making any voting or investment decisions with respect to the proposed transactions.

Host Marriott Corporation and its directors and executive officers may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Host Marriott Corporation in respect of the proposed transactions. Information about Host Marriott Corporation and its directors and executive officers, and their ownership of securities in Host Marriott Corporation, is set forth in the proxy statement for Host Marriott Corporation's 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 11, 2005. Additional information regarding the direct and indirect interests of those persons may be obtained by reading the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transactions.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### **Cautionary Language Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

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This filing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities regulations. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, project, and other similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions and forecasts of future results, statements about the expected scope and timing of the acquisition, expected financial results and credit effects of the acquisition, consequences of management efforts, opportunities for growth and expectations as to timing, nature and terms of financing and other sources of funds. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made. These risks include, but are not limited to: national and local economic and business conditions, including the potential for terrorist attacks, that will affect occupancy rates at our hotels and the demand for hotel products and services; operating risks associated with the hotel business; risks associated with the level of our indebtedness and our ability to meet covenants in our debt agreements; relationships with property managers; our ability to maintain our properties in a first-class manner, including meeting capital expenditure requirements; our ability to compete effectively in areas such as access, location, quality of accommodations and room rate structures; changes in travel patterns, taxes and government regulations which influence or determine wages, prices, construction procedures and costs; our ability to complete pending acquisitions and dispositions; and our ability to continue to satisfy complex rules in order for us to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes and other risks and uncertainties associated with our business described in Host Marriott Corporation's filings with the SEC. The completion of the transaction with Starwood (either in whole or in part relating to the acquisition of certain hotels) is subject to numerous closing conditions and there can be no assurances that the transactions as a whole, or portions of these transactions, will be completed. These closing conditions include, but are not limited to: Host Marriott Corporation receiving approval from its stockholders to issue shares to Starwood's Class B holders, obtaining various lender consents and regulatory approvals, the accuracy of representations and warranties and compliance with covenants, the absence of material events or conditions, and other customary closing conditions. Our expectations as to the financial consequences of the acquisition may be affected by the risks noted above and factors unique to acquisitions, including the timing and successful integration of these hotels into our portfolio and the number and location of the hotels we ultimately acquire with the acquisition. Although Host Marriott Corporation believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that the expectations will be attained or that any deviation will not be material. All information is as of the date of this filing and Host Marriott Corporation undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in expectations.

























































































