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PRESIDENT OF MARRIOTT JOINS BOARD

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Leisure Canada Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Simon F Cooper to the board of Directors.

Mr. Cooper is President of Marriott Lodging Canada and Senior Vice President of Marriott Lodging International. He is responsible for overseeing all existing Marriott hotel brands in Canada and for fulfilling Marriott's goal of rapid hotel development.

Mr. Cooper's appointment to the Board will greatly enhance an already dynamic management group that is committed to developing world class resorts in Cuba. Mr. Cooper previously served as President of Delta Hotels & Resorts and was instrumental in the operations of several hotels in Cuba. He also worked with Marcelo Montenegro and Peter MacLeod, who today lead our on the ground Cuban management team.

Born in Britain, Mr. Cooper was educated in England and earned an MBA from the University of Toronto. He began his hospitality career in 1970. In 1972, he worked for Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts. In 1982 he became Senior Vice President of Operations for Delta Hotels & Resorts, and in 1989, was promoted to President & C.O.O. of Delta Hotels & Resorts based in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Cooper left Delta in 1998 to spearhead Marriott's rapid expansion strategy in Canada. Marriott recognized him as a leader in his field with an excellent international reputation and a successful track record in hotel company management.

Mr. Cooper is committed to promoting Canadian tourism internationally. He is one of the principal forces behind the creation of the Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC). Mr. Cooper's appointment to the Leisure Canada board will greatly enhance and accelerate the company's goal of becoming a world class hotel and resort developer.

Leisure Canada is honored to have an individual of Mr. Cooper's internationally recognized stature agreeing to join our team and aid us in achieving the opportunities we are afforded in Cuba.

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