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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT HOTEL OPENS IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

FAYETTEVILLE – October 12, 2007 – The Courtyard By Marriott located at 600 Van Asche Drive in Fayetteville, Arkansas, will open for business on Monday, October 15, 2007. The 114 room Courtyard is Fayetteville's newest upscale hotel. It will operate as a Marriott franchise and is owned and managed by Vista Host of Houston, Texas.

Located in the heart of the Fayetteville business district and 20 miles from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, the Courtyard Fayetteville offers convenient access to the University of Arkansas, Walton Arts Center, Northwest Arkansas Mall and a host of Northwest Arkansas' premier businesses and attractions. Rates begin at \$149 per night.

"We're so happy to be open and accepting guests into our beautiful new hotel," said Shannon McCaig, Director of Sales for the Courtyard. "We've got a lot to offer as Fayetteville's newest upscale hotel and we will serve the lodging needs of corporate business travelers as well as groups and weekend and leisure visitors."

General Manager, T.J. Angeleno commented, "We're pleased to be part of all the exciting things going on in Fayetteville and part of the business community of Northwest Arkansas. We're excited to offer first class lodging accommodations and high levels of hospitality and service to business and leisure travelers alike that are coming to this area."

The Courtyard guest rooms feature either a king-size bed or two queen-size beds, a seating area with sofa bed or oversized chair, a large, well-lit work desk and two telephones equipped with data ports. Other in-room amenities include a refrigerator, 32" flat-screen LCD television, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron with ironing

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board, and cable television with a free premium movie channel. All areas of the hotel are equipped with free wired and wireless high-speed internet service. The hotel also offers Marriott's luxurious bedding package, which features plush mattresses, custom comforters, crisp linens, fluffy pillows, and a fresh, white look.

The Courtyard public space includes, a business library featuring individual workstations with high-speed data ports and ergonomic chairs; a pantry-style, 24-hour "grab and go" food and beverage area called "The Market," and a lounge area where guests can work and meet in a relaxing setting.

The four-story hotel offers 1,500 square feet of meeting space to accommodate small meetings and functions of up to 150 people. Other guest facilities and services include the Courtyard Café restaurant, serving breakfast, an indoor swimming pool with whirlpool spa, exercise room, guest laundry and business center.

Courtyard by Marriott is the leading select-service hotel brand in the United States. Providing guests with a combination of casual comfort and time saving services, Courtyard hotels feature large functional guest rooms and are conveniently situated where people travel. Courtyard participates in the company's award-winning Marriott Rewards[®] frequent guest program. Members earn their choice of points toward free vacations or frequent flyer mileage for dollars spent at more than 2,500 Marriott hotels worldwide.

The Courtyard Fayetteville is managed by Vista Host – a Houston, Texas, based hotel management company serving owners of Courtyards, Fairfield Inns & Suites, Residence Inns, TownePlace Suites, Hampton Inns, Hampton Inns and Suites, Homewood Suites, Comfort Suites and other fine hotels. For more information on Vista Host, visit <u>www.vistahost.com</u>.

For more information, reservations or hotel tours, call the Courtyard Fayetteville hotel directly at 479-571-4900, call the Courtyard toll-free number at 800-321-2211, contact a travel agent or visit the web site at www.courtyard.com.
