

NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI - Benchmark Hospitality International, Turtle Bay Resort's management company, has promoted Abid Butt to vice president and general manager. He brings more than 20 years of resort hotel management experience to the position. Previously, he served as the resort's managing director.

"Since taking the helm of Turtle Bay Resort in 2003, Abid and his team have achieved record occupancy levels, dramatically improved the resort's offerings, consistently delivered great service and set the stage for continued success," said Sam Haigh, chief operating officer, Benchmark Hospitality International.

Prior to being hired by Turtle Bay Resort, he was vice president of operations at Banyan Tree Resorts in Phuket, Thailand where he was responsible for coordinating the overall operations for the chain of hotels and resorts located in six countries.

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort recently completed \$60 million in renovations. The resort's accommodations include a 401-room hotel and The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort, 42 luxurious, beachfront cottages.

The resort has five miles of beachfront that include Kawela Bay, Kuilima Cove and Turtle Bay. It is the only resort on Oahu with 36 holes of championship golf: the George Fazio and Arnold Palmer courses. In addition to world class golf, Turtle Bay Resort is rich in other recreation and resort amenities, including an exquisite new spa, two lushly landscaped oceanside pools, riding stables with ocean and trail riding, pedal or power bike rentals to explore the surrounding environment, a full-service tennis center by Peter Burwash International, a surf school by Hans Hedemann, North Shore and waterfall aerial tours by Paradise Helicopters, and 12 miles of ocean-front hiking trails.

For reservations or more information, visit www.TurtleBayResort.com; e-mail TBRreservations@benchmarkmanagement.com or call toll free (866) 827-5327.

Turtle Bay Resort is a Preferred Hotels® & Resorts Worldwide property - a collection of the world's finest independent luxury hotels. This prestigious designation is reserved for accommodations offering the utmost standards in product and service and is now held by only three resort properties in Hawaii. Turtle Bay Resort's accolades include:

Conde Nast Traveler 2004 Annual Golf Poll, "Top 100 Golf Resorts"
Resorts & Great Hotels "Connoisseur's Choice" Award 2004
Meetings & Conventions 2004 Gold Key Award, Turtle Bay Resort
Conde Nast "Hot List" 2003, The Beach Cottages at Turtle Bay Resort
Travel + Leisure 2003, "Best Beach Escape"
Elite Traveler Magazine 2003, "Top Five Spas in Hawaii"

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company

based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, operates resorts, conference centers and hotels both domestically and interna