

Benchmark Announces the Appointment of Tom Cross as Director of Food & Beverage at Turtle Bay Resort, Oahu

The Woodlands (Houston) Texas (October, 2005)— Benchmark Hospitality International has announced the appointment of Tom Cross as director of food & beverage for Turtle Bay Resort, the signature property located on the North Shore of

Abid Butt, vice president and managing director for the resort, made the announcement saying, "I am pleased to welcome Tom as director of food & beverage for Benchmark at Turtle Bay Resort. He comes to us with over a decade of leadership experience at Hawaiian resorts and we're glad he is part of our executive team."

Mr. Cross was previously director of food and beverage at Kona Village Resort, an exclusive property of individual bungalows on the Big Island of Hawaii. Prior to this position, he was director of food and beverage at the Hawaiian

Regent Hotel on Oahu , the third largest hotel in the islands.

Cross received his education at the University of Utah and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a Certificate in International Relations. Cross also attended the University of the Pacific with an emphasis on non-western cultural studies. He resides in Hawaii Kai on Oahu .

Located on the North Shore of Oahu, the 880-acre Turtle Bay Resort recently completed \$60 million in renovations. Managed by Benchmark Hospitality International, 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, a full-service tennis center by Peter Burwash International, a surf school by Hans Hedemann 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 and 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.

- **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 internationally. For locations of Benchmark Hospitality properties and for additional information, visit Benchmark's Web site at www.BenchmarkHospitality.com.

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