

PHILLIP KENDALL JOINS CALISTOGA RANCH AS GENERAL MANAGER

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (May 18, 2005) – Auberge Resorts, the developer and operator of small luxury resorts and clubs, announced today that Phillip R. Kendall has accepted the position of general manager of Calistoga Ranch, the company's newest wine country resort. Previously, Kendall was Auberge Resort's director of operational support where he focused on pre-opening planning for Auberge projects in Napa Valley, Sonoma and Santa Fe and supported the company's five existing properties.

As general manager of Calistoga Ranch Kendall will oversee all operations for the 46-room resort including a restaurant and full-service spa, and the 27 owner lodges all situated on a 157-acre site marked by ancient oaks, majestic hills, a rock-hewn stream and private lake.

"We are thrilled that Phil has accepted the post of general manager at Calistoga Ranch," said Mark Harmon, principal and CEO of Auberge Resorts. "His intimate knowledge of the Napa Valley, where he has lived for many years, coupled with his remarkable resume in hospitality will undoubtedly create magical guest experiences for Calistoga Ranch's hotel guests and lodging club members."

Kendall brings to his position more than 20 years of experience in management, operations and food and beverage for leading organizations in the hospitality industry, including Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., and Hyatt Hotels. Most recently, he served as managing director at the luxury resort Meadowood Napa Valley, a Relais & Châteaux property in Rutherford, Calif.

Previously, he was vice president, food & beverage for Starwood, the world's largest hotel company. In this capacity, he defined the overall food & beverage direction for Starwood's family of brands, including all of its North American-owned and managed properties, more than 200 hotels. Prior to that, Kendall held the same title at Hyatt Hotels, where he was responsible for food and beverage at Hyatt's 115 U.S. properties. He began his career with the Hyatt on Union Square in San Francisco. Kendall received a B.S. in business administration from Ohio State University.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Esperanza, The Lodge at CordeValle, Calistoga Ranch and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; magnificent natural settings; inspired cuisine utilizing the very best regional ingredients; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

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