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## **Legendary Hotelier Toni Knorr Joins The St. Regis San Francisco as General Manager**

SAN FRANCISCO (April 12, 2007) -- St. Regis Hotels & Resorts is pleased to announce the appointment of Antoinette (Toni) Knorr as general manager of The St. Regis San Francisco. The Mobil Five-Star hotel, which opened on November 1, 2005, has introduced a new dimension of luxury and timeless elegance to the city of San Francisco.

The 40-story landmark building, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, includes 102 private residences rising 19 floors above the 260-room St. Regis Hotel. From legendary butler service, “anticipatory” guest care and impeccable staff training to the signature Remède Spa, luxurious amenities and interior design by Yabu Pushelberg of Toronto, The St. Regis San Francisco delivers an unmatched guest experience.

“It is a great privilege to be entrusted with the management of The St. Regis San Francisco,” said Knorr. “I look forward to continuing the St. Regis culture of excellence that will ensure our guests an experience of flawless service and refined elegance.”

General Manager Toni Knorr is a seasoned hotelier who most recently served as general manager of the W San Francisco. Knorr’s prior assignments have included positions with Millennium Partners, where she managed five luxury properties and the opening of the Ritz Carlton in Boston and Georgetown, and Four Seasons in San Francisco, as well as general managerships at the Grand Hyatt New York and the Park Hyatt San Francisco. Passionate about the city of San Francisco, Knorr is an active member of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Modern Art Council as well as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Board of Directors and the Hotel Council of San Francisco. Knorr is also actively involved in the University of San Francisco, McClaren’s School of Business Hospitality Department Advisory Board, where she is able to serve as a mentor to those about to enter the competitive hospitality business sector, and is a member of the President’s Council of Cornell Women.

The St. Regis San Francisco includes 214 standard guest rooms, averaging 450 square feet, and 46 suites, ranging in size from 700 to more than 3,200 square feet. Design elements reflect a contemporary style and the finest interior finishes. Custom designed furniture includes a crème Barcelona bench at the foot of the bed, a five-foot chaise lounge and custom laser-cut art made from Australian lace wood, as well as luxurious Pratesi linens and Laboratoire Remède in-room amenities.

The hotel offers two restaurants which are open to guests and the public: Ame, a 95-seat destination restaurant is operated by Hiro Sone and Lissa Doumani, chefs/co-owners of the acclaimed Terra restaurant in Napa Valley; and Vitrine a 74-seat restaurant located on the fourth floor of the hotel that offers a full breakfast and lunch menu based on fresh, local ingredients. The St. Regis Lobby Bar offers an inviting atmosphere, with intimate groupings of custom-designed chairs and sofas and a 16-foot open fireplace. The striking zebrawood bar is lit with glass pendant lighting and, in the tradition of The St. Regis New York's famed King Cole Bar, features a contemporary mural.

Exclusive to St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, the flagship Remède Spa at The St. Regis San Francisco offers 9,000 square feet of sophisticated surroundings, featuring nine treatment rooms, men's and women's lounges and a spa boutique. A 3,700-square-foot private fitness center, available only to hotel guests and owners of St. Regis Residences, includes a 50-foot heated indoor lap pool and bio-mechanically engineered fitness equipment with built-in LCD panels. iPods provide guests with a selection of workout music.

Ideally situated at Third and Mission streets, in the heart of San Francisco's most exciting and revitalized neighborhood, The St. Regis San Francisco neighbors the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, is near the Yerba Buena Gardens and Center for the Arts, and hosts the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) in a portion of the rehabilitated Williams Building, a turn-of-the-century historical structure at Third and Mission. The St. Regis is also close to the city's financial district, Union Square shopping and an array of fine dining establishments and nightlife.

The St. Regis San Francisco is located at 125 Third Street. Telephone: 415.284.4000. Web site: { HYPERLINK "http://www.stregissanfrancisco.com" }.

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