

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL AND ENJOY GROUP TO EXPAND COLLECTION OF LOCALLY INSPIRED HOTELS IN COSTA RICA UNDER AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION BRAND

Expected to debut in 2025, two additional properties propel companies' plans to craft an exclusive array of locally inspired hotels in Costa Rica under the Autograph Collection brand, promising a unique and culturally immersive hospitality experience.



Marina Bahía Golfito, Autograph Collection

Plantation, Fla. December 7, 2023 – Marriott International announced today it has signed an agreement with Enjoy Group to launch two additional Autograph Collection hotels in Costa Rica reinforcing the companies' vision to create an exclusive array of locally inspired hotels in the country. Anticipated to open in the last quarter of 2025, Villa Lapas, Autograph Collection and Marina Bahía Golfito, Autograph Collection are expected to join two existing Autograph Collection branded properties in Costa Rica managed by Enjoy Group - <u>El</u> Mangroove, Autograph Collection and <u>Punta Islita, Autograph Collection</u>.

"We are delighted to announce this new project with Enjoy Group, a renowned hospitality development and management company, and a long-standing partner of Marriott International in the region that has a proven record of developing exceptional products and destinations," said Laurent de Kousemaeker, Chief Development Officer for Marriott International in the Caribbean and Latin America. "This agreement doubles down on Marriott's commitment to building on the great success of Costa Rica as a travel destination and showcases the great appeal of the fast-growing Autograph Collection brand to our customers, owners, and developers."

Villa Lapas, Autograph Collection is anticipated to convert into the new brand in the last quarter of 2025, featuring 86 locally inspired guest rooms. Nestled amidst the lush forest and with breathtaking views of Costa Rica's tropical scenery, the Villa Lapas, Autograph Collection is set to offer expansive meeting spaces, a reimagined restaurant and bar, a new fitness center experience, an outdoor pool, outdoor playgrounds, and various other facilities and amenities. Located in the Central Pacific region, the new hotel will be a haven for travellers looking for scenic trails, adventurous bike rides, fishing, or relaxing on the beaches nearby.



Expected to debut in the exclusive Marina Bahia Golfito yacht bay during the last quarter of 2025, the new-build **Marina Bahía Golfito**, **Autograph Collection** is planned to offer 35 hotel rooms and 72 branded residences. A wide range of amenities, including meeting spaces, a restaurant, spa, fitness center, outdoor pool, and more, invites, guests and residents alike to experience a unique and culturally immersive hospitality experience. The Golfito region, celebrated for its natural splendor, boasts five national eco-parks, botanical gardens, and animal reserves. Nature enthusiasts can easily explore the ocean, secluded bays for whalewatching, park trails, and a variety of outdoor activities, including sportfishing.

In recent years, the Autograph Collection brand has driven great success for Marriott International's conversion strategy in the Caribbean and Latin America. With nearly 40 open hotels and a strong pipeline of 13 properties under development, owners and franchisees across the region appreciate the brand's flexibility, from locally curated collections to allinclusive resorts, all while affiliating with Marriott's global hospitality platform. For more information about Autograph Collection and development opportunities with Marriott International in Central America, visit <u>hotel-development.marriott.com</u> or contact Andres Madrigal in the Costa Rica Development Office at Andres.Madrigal@marriott.com.

About Autograph Collection[®] Hotels

Autograph Collection Hotels advocates for the original, championing the individuality of each of its over 290 independent hotels located in the most desirable destinations across 50 countries and territories. Each hotel is a product of passion, inspired by a clear vision, soul, and story that makes it individual and special: *Exactly Like Nothing Else*. Hand-selected for their inherent craft and distinct perspectives on design and hospitality, Autograph Collection properties offer rich immersive moments that leave a lasting imprint. For more information, please visit <u>www.autographhotels.com</u>, and explore on social via <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Facebook</u> to be inspired by immersive moments that are #ExactlyLikeNothingElse. Autograph Collection is proud to participate in Marriott Bonvoy[®], the global travel program from Marriott International. The program offers members an extraordinary portfolio of global brands, exclusive experiences on <u>Marriott Bonvoy Moments</u> and unparalleled benefits including free nights and Elite status recognition. To enroll for free or for more information about the program, visit <u>marriottBonvoy.com</u>.

About Marriott International

Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MAR) is based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and encompasses a portfolio of nearly 8,700 properties across more than 30 leading brands in 139 countries and territories. Marriott operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts all around the world. The company offers Marriott Bonvoy[®], its highly awarded travel program. For more information, please visit our website at <u>www.marriott.com</u>, and for the latest company news, visit <u>www.marriottnewscenter.com</u>. In addition, connect with us on <u>Facebook</u> and @MarriottIntl on <u>X</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.



About Enjoy Group

For over five decades, Enjoy Group has innovated, developed, and managed projects in the hospitality industry of the Costa Rica and the Central American region. Deeply dedicated to its guests' and employees' experiences, Enjoy Group currently operates more than a dozen properties, including hotels, restaurants and mixed-use destinations, in addition to a full service hospitality development divison, making it a leading company in the regional tourism sector. For more information, please visit <u>www.enjoygroup.net</u>.