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George Aquino Named General Manager Of JW Marriott Grand Rapids

Local Hospitality Veteran Takes Operation Reins at New Hotel

GRAND RAPIDS, MI-November 6, 2006-George Aquino has been named general manager of the new 340-room JW Marriott Grand Rapids, set to open fall 2007. Aquino is a 17-year veteran in the hospitality industry and possesses vast and diverse experience in marketing, food and beverage, and four-star and four-diamond hotel and resort operations.

Aquino's appointment as the opening general manager for the hotel, currently under construction in downtown Grand Rapids, is a natural progression for the 14-year Amway Hotel Corp. veteran who most recently acted as the director of operations and marketing at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel since 2000. His career with the corporation began at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in 1992 when he was appointed assistant director of food and beverage. He was promoted a year later to direct the food and beverage and hotel operations at Peter Island Resort in the British Virgin Islands, where he directed award-winning culinary teams in local and international competitions. Other positions Aquino held at Amway Hotel Corp. include corporate director of operations; a member of the opening team for the Plaza Towers, also in Grand Rapids, and management of Crystal Springs County Country Club in nearby Caledonia.

Aquino began his hospitality career in 1988 with Regent International as the Maitre'd at the famed Le Ciel Bleu restaurant at the Mayfair Regent Hotel in Chicago. He quickly rose up the ranks and became director of catering in 1989, and assistant director of food and beverage in 1990.

JW Marriott Grand Rapids will create a strong presence in the Grand Rapids skyline along the Grand River, providing first-class lodging for business and leisure travelers alike. The 24-story, glass-enclosed property is the first of the JW Marriott family in the Midwest region.

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About Amway Hotel Corp.

Amway Hotel Corp. owns two hotel properties: the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, and the new JW Marriott Grand Rapids. The corporation operates a third hotel property in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., the Downtown Courtyard by Marriott. Amway Hotel Corp. is a subsidiary of Alticor Inc.

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