

## AUBERGE RESORTS

### **AUBERGE RESORTS APPOINTS JOHN WASHKO TO VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS**

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (August 19, 2010) – [Auberge Resorts](#) is delighted to announce the appointment of John Washko as Vice President of Operations. In this position, John will assist in maintaining and elevating Auberge Resorts' Brand Standards, primarily focusing on food and beverage programming. Washko's role will include overseeing food and beverage programs for all properties in the collection.

“We are thrilled to introduce John Washko as Vice President of Operations for Auberge Resorts,” said CEO Mark Harmon. “His knowledge and years of industry experience will be invaluable as he works with each of our resort's culinary teams to design and deliver exceptional dining experiences for our guests.

Washko joins Auberge Resorts with more than 30 years of hospitality experience, which includes over 20 years with Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts. During his Four Seasons tenure, Washko held various operational leadership positions within the company's Food & Beverage and Rooms Divisions throughout the United States and internationally. While with the Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, Washko was a part of opening teams worldwide, including Dublin, Istanbul, Whistler, Costa Rica and spent his last five years as Corporate Director of Food & Beverage, the America's, guiding 26 hotels and resorts. He was also Hotel Manager at the Four Seasons Beverly Hills and Four Seasons San Francisco, which achieved the Mobil 5 Star rating within its first year of operation, as well as Food & Beverage Director at properties including The Pierre in New York City and The Ritz-Carlton Chicago.

Washko also serves on the James Beard Foundation Board of Directors. His recognition and participation garnered him the recipient of the 2008 James Beard Foundation Angel Award. Washko is a resident of Napa, Calif. and will work at the Auberge Resorts offices in Mill Valley.

-- more --

### **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, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., with several others currently in development including the recently announced 50-suite luxury resort on Mexico's Riviera Maya at Kanai. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com).

###

### **Media Contact:**

Stacy Lewis

Murphy O'Brien, Inc.

310-586-7164

[slewis@murphyobrien.com](mailto:slewis@murphyobrien.com)