

## **THREE PREMIER EMERALD CITY HOSPITALITY VENUES TEAM UP TO CREATE DESTINATION SEATTLE WATERFRONT**

*Bell Harbor International Conference Center, The Edgewater and Seattle Marriott Waterfront join forces to offer a combined 120,000 square feet of meeting space and 581 guestrooms*

**SEATTLE (February 17, 2010)** – Three of Seattle’s premier meeting and event venues, Bell Harbor International Conference Center, The Edgewater hotel and Seattle Marriott Waterfront, have teamed up to introduce [Destination Seattle Waterfront](#). This new partnership defines the community of restaurants, local attractions and hospitality venues that make up this quintessential Seattle destination located on Elliott Bay while also serving as a one-stop shop for meeting and event planners.

“With three of Western Washington’s leading meeting and event venues located just steps from each other, it made sense for us to work together to market the area and simplify the event planning process,” said Lenny Zilz, general manager of Bell Harbor International Conference Center. Bell Harbor is Seattle’s prominent waterfront conference venue, with 18 meeting rooms totaling 100,000 square feet, capacity for up to 6,000 guests and space for up to 200 trade show booths for large exhibits.

Located just steps from the conference center on Pier 67, The Edgewater has 10,000 square feet of event space and 223 guestrooms. “The Seattle waterfront is an incredible location for any meeting or event,” said Dave Cocks, managing director of The Edgewater. “We’re thrilled to be part of this tri-property partnership which showcases all that this stunning location has to offer.”

Across the street overlooking Elliott Bay, the Seattle Marriott Waterfront has more than 11,000 square feet of meeting space and 358 guestrooms. Combined, Bell Harbor International Conference Center, The Edgewater and Seattle Marriott Waterfront, offer more than 120,000 square feet of meeting space and 581 guestrooms.

“We’ve always believed in working with others to deliver the best solutions for our clients. Now, with this great partnership, we truly can deliver on everything from intimate settings to large conferences,” said Chris Sullivan, general manager of Seattle Marriott Waterfront.

Destination Seattle Waterfront has introduced a new Web site for meeting planners interested in holding an event or meeting in the Emerald City. To visit the new Web site click here:

[www.destinationseattlewaterfront.com](http://www.destinationseattlewaterfront.com).

Destinationseattlewaterfront.com features a map and video of the area, showing the locations of activities and attractions, such as Pike Place Market and the Seattle Center, in relation to the hotels and conference center. The Web site provides information necessary to determine event and meeting logistics, including catering options, technology capabilities, guestroom options and event space

capabilities. Planners may also submit a request for proposal from any or all three of the partner properties through the Web site.

Each of these venues that make up Destination Seattle Waterfront offer magnificent views of Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains, along with access to downtown shopping, diverse culinary experiences and major attractions such as Pike Place Market, the Space Needle and Seattle's sporting and entertainment venues.

#### **About The Edgewater Hotel**

Named to AAA's prestigious Four Diamond list since 2006 and to Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List in 2008, The Edgewater hotel overlooks Elliott Bay with spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains. The property features 223 luxuriously appointed guestrooms and suites and features award-winning dining at its signature restaurant, Six Seven. Perched atop Pier 67, The Edgewater is located within blocks of downtown Seattle, Pike Place Market, the trendy Belltown neighborhood and the Olympic Sculpture Park. For reservations and more information, call 206-728-7000 or visit [www.edgewaterhotel.com](http://www.edgewaterhotel.com).

#### **About Seattle Marriott Waterfront**

Offering guest rooms with private balconies overlooking Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains, the Seattle Marriott Waterfront, across from the Seattle Cruise Terminal (Pier 66), provides all the upscale amenities and latest technology needed to ensure travelers a comfortable and productive stay. Notable hotel features include hot new restaurant, 2100 Bistro and Bar, an indoor/outdoor swimming pool with views of the Bay, spacious bathrooms, and guest rooms with 42" LCD HD TVs and mini-refrigerators. Marriott's renowned loyalty program, Marriott Rewards, allows guests to earn points for every Marriott hotel stay and exchange the points for airline miles or future stays in Marriott's 3,200 plus hotels across the world. For reservations and more information, call 206-443-5000 or visit [www.SeattleMarriottWaterfront.com](http://www.SeattleMarriottWaterfront.com).

#### **Bell Harbor International Conference Center**

Bell Harbor International Conference Center is Seattle's premier waterfront conference venue, with 18 meeting rooms totaling 100,000 square feet and capacity for up to 6,000 guests. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and amenities, this quintessential Seattle meeting venue provides the finest service and cuisine. Bell Harbor International Conference Center is owned by The Port of Seattle and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. To learn more, visit [www.bellharbor.com](http://www.bellharbor.com).

#### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, mixed-use hotel developments, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

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