



Courtyard by Marriott planned for Salt River tribal land

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The development arm of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community announced plans to build a 156-room Marriott, the first ever for the company on U.S. tribal land.

Salt River Devco is developing a hotel site southeast of Pima Road and McDonald Drive adjacent to the Chaparral.

Marriott International will operate the hotel under its Courtyard by Marriott brand. It is scheduled for completion in 2012.

"This is another important first for our community," said Diane Enos, tribe president.

Contractors are building a \$100 million spring-training complex for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies less than 2 miles north of the . It will be the first big-league baseball stadium on tribal land.

Tribe officials also boast of having the first corporate headquarters on tribal land. That includes Fender Musical Instruments Corp., Cold Stone Creamery and Medicis Pharmaceutical Corp. All three are in office parks along the Loop 101 corridor.

The planned Courtyard by Marriott hotel will serve corporate business travelers and spring-training visitors, Enos said.

Salt River also is opening the 497-room Talking Stick in April northeast of Loop 101

and Indian Bend Road. That \$400 million project will include a 240,000-square-foot casino with 800 slot machines, 50 poker tables and off-track betting.

The Courtyard hotel will include 3,000 square feet of .

Courtyard by Marriott is Marriott International's largest brand with 860 locations in 30 nations and 150 more hotels planned.

Salt River Devco is a 10-year-old asset-management and development enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Devco manages 108 of land and six commercial buildings with 370,000 square feet of office space at its Chaparral Business Center.

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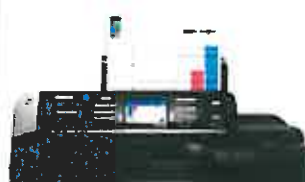
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