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Marriott International opens on American Indian reservation

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Marriott International Inc. has signed a management contract with Salt River Devco, a development company run by the **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community** in Arizona, to operate a Courtyard by Marriott-branded hotel on reservation property.

It is Marriott's first hotel on U.S. tribal land. It is located just outside of Scottsdale, Ariz.

The hotel, owned by Salt River Devco, is part of a 108-acre development it manages which currently includes six commercial buildings with plans for eight more.

"It is a great example of Marriott's diverse ownership program, which currently has more than 500 diverse-owned hotels," said Eric Jacobs, senior vice president of lodging development for Marriott.

The 156-room hotel is scheduled to open in 2012. Courtyard is Marriott's (NYSE: MAR) largest brand, with 860 properties now and another 150 in development.

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