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T. COOK'S AT THE ROYAL PALMS RESORT AND SPA EXTENDS ITS AURA OF ROMANCE TO OUTDOOR DINING

PHOENIX (January 2009) — Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Arizona's only resort ranked in *Travel + Leisure's* 'Top 100 Hotels in the World,' offers al fresco dining at its best for breakfast, lunch and dinner with two scenic outdoor areas. The patio to the south of T. Cook's overlooks the Vernadero Lawn with its vibrant landscaping and twinkling trees.

The patio to the north of the restaurant provides dramatic views of Camelback Mountain and has a host of other features to ensure comfort year round.

- ✧ This cozy courtyard offers a stunning daytime view of Camelback Mountain as well as a front row seat at sunset as the mountain magically transforms from a warm terra cotta to a royal palette of purple.
- ✧ Handsomely furnished with wrought iron tables and cushioned chairs, the Spanish-Colonial décor of the restaurant is elegantly transported out of doors. Hand-painted tiles from Portugal add dashes of color, as do the vibrant bougainvilleas.
- ✧ A heated floor guards guests from the desert chill, along with portable heaters, which can be strategically arranged. Ceiling fans, a misting system and awnings have also been added to keep things cool during the warmer months.
- ✧ A welcoming fireplace, adorned with a regal coat of arms, fills the air with the fragrance of mesquite and pinon.
- ✧ The soothing sounds of a graceful fountain complete the sensory requirements for everything from an idyllic, romantic dining experience to just a quiet place to enjoy a cup of joe.

Consistently cited as one of the most romantic spots in the Southwest, T. Cook's offers guests the unique services of Director of Romance, Robert Vickrey, to orchestrate an evening to remember. Executive Chef Lee Hillson and Executive Pastry Chef Pierino Jermonti willingly create luscious menus and desserts to honor any occasion.

For T. Cook's reservations, please call 602-808-0766.

A member of Historic Hotels of America, Royal Palms Resort and Spa is a AAA Four Diamond resort located at the foot of majestic Camelback Mountain. Combining the graciousness and sophistication of a Mediterranean villa with the intimacy and privacy of a secluded retreat, Royal Palms

offers: 119 custom-appointed guest rooms, suites, intimate clusters of casitas and grand villas; regal Spanish Colonial architecture; over 20,000 square feet of estate-like meeting space; Tuscan-style gardens; exquisite tapestries, antiques and stone fireplaces throughout, a Mother-of-Pearl-tiled swimming pool with private cabanas; and a croquet lawn. Designed around the original historic private mansion built in 1929, Royal Palms is home to the award-winning T. Cook's restaurant and the Mobil Four Star Alvalora Spa. Just minutes from Scottsdale's shopping, galleries, golf, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and the Camelback financial corridor, Royal Palms is an ideal retreat for business, pleasure and special occasions, offering luxury, privacy, romance and convenience.

Royal Palms Resort and Spa is one of more than 30 independent, upscale hotels, resorts and conference centers by Destination Hotels & Resorts, the fourth largest independent hospitality management company in the country. To protect and preserve the unique communities in which the company operates, Destination launched Destination Earth, an environmental sustainability program in 2008. New for 2009 is the 582-room Terranea Resort situated on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in southern California. The 102-acre ocean front resort will feature a 25,000-square-foot destination spa, three swimming pools, three restaurants and a Todd Eckenrode-designed par three golf course. In addition to Terranea in the greater Los Angeles area, Destination operates properties in key metropolitan areas and resort markets including Washington, D.C., Denver, San Diego, Santa Fe, Aspen, Palm Springs, Houston and Lake Tahoe. Destination is a subsidiary of Los Angeles-based investment, development and management firm Lowe Enterprises. For more information on the properties in the Destination Hotels & Resorts collection, please visit www.destinationhotels.com.

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