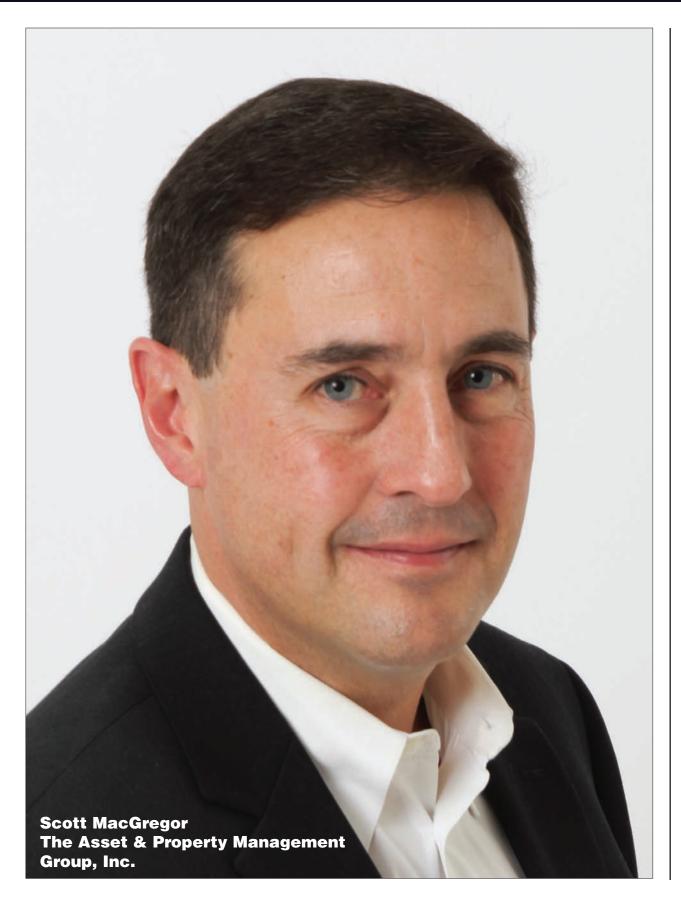




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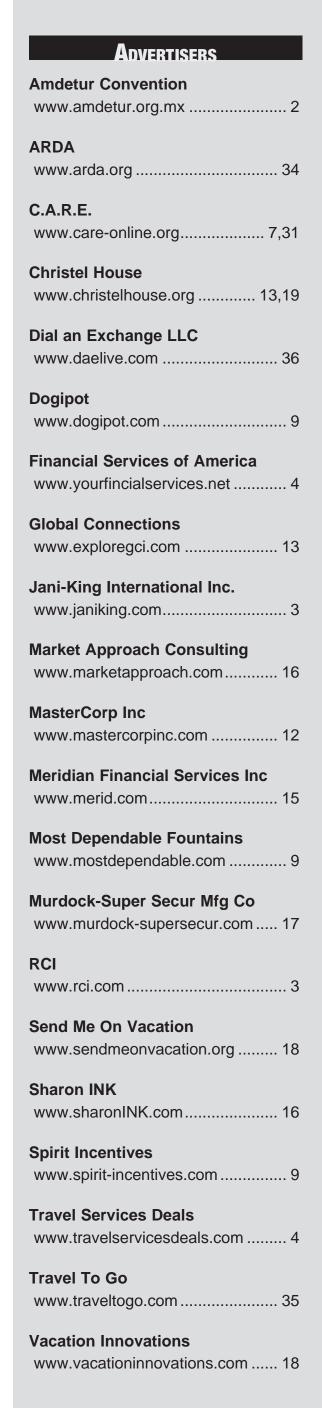


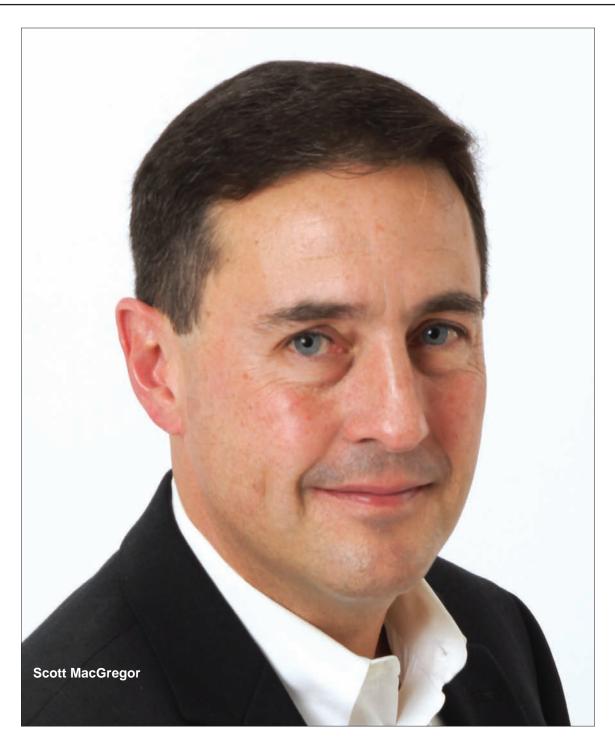






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#### Publisher's Corner



James T. "Tim" Wilson Publisher Resort Trades

We may not have the glitzand glam, but Resort Tradeshas got the eyes. Numbers are important to a publisher. Yet most of them make attempts to embellish their numbers... they always seem to feel their numbers are inadequate. Distribution is a good example; it costsmoney. It's expensive to print and mail hard copies of a magazine. So a publisher has to carefully examine the mailing list.

For a long time at The Trades, we trimmed 1500 secondary resort contacts from our list while we verified those recipients. We wound up with almost 5,000 MUST-HAVE names that we had to retain on that list. Recently, another publication stated their worldwide run and distribution would be reduced to only 3,500; that's all they deemed appropriate.

Another number is editorial. We count actual articles, while others tend to count advertorials as legitimate. But the bottom line is: a publication must serve its readership. When you short-change your readers; you lose them. Could we surmise that this may account for why the prior-mentioned publication was forced to reduce their distribution numbers?

The issue is this: Our industry – we can call it timeshare, vacation or shared ownership; whatever – has consolidated to the point at which a host of vendors specializing in this niche must promote its products to a very limited audience. Intelligent vendors who understand numbers will take note, here, and make sure their marketing dollar is spent where it's going to be effective. We may not have the glitz and glam, but Resort Trades has got the eyes...and that's what they're paying for!

We've considered expanding to other countries and regions in the past. We've even thought about changing our format; we actually tried that when we published Resort Trades' Management & Operations magazine. But, our philosophy is you can only serve one master. We've stuck to our one master for 27 years and as it turns out, we are now the one to whom most of them listen the most! That's our perspective; and we've been at it long enough to know it's the truth.

Appreciately, Tim Wilson, Publisher





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## Colebrook's Bill Ryczek Looks to the Future

by Sharon Scott, RRP

**Chronicle:** The lending environment seems a lot more competitive than it was a few years ago. How is Colebrook faring?

Ryczek: We're doing relatively well. We do a lot of repeat business with existing customers, and that's really sustained us. Back when the financial crisis hit in 2008 we were overwhelmed with applicants. We couldn't accommodate everyone, and we tried to select those businesses that had exhibited loyalty to their previous lender. We wanted to avoid the price shoppers who change allegiance quickly if a better deal comes along. Our judgment turned out to be pretty good, and most of the people we helped in difficult times are grateful and continue to do business with us. That doesn't mean we haven't sweetened terms as times have changed, but the relationships have been strong. We also realize that loyalty is a two-way street. We have some small customers

who've been with us from the beginning, and even though we're much bigger now, they remain valued clients, because we wouldn't be where we are without them.

**Chronicle:** What's your biggest marketing challenge?

Ryczek: Our biggest challenge is getting people to realize we're not the company we were ten years ago. We started out doing small loans at higher rates, but over time we evolved to become a mainstream player that can do just about anything our large competitors can do. I have to keep getting the message out there and remind people that we've changed a lot during the past ten years.

**Chronicle:** What advice would you give to developers at this point?

Ryczek: If I were the CFO of a timeshare development company, and knew that a large percentage of my future profit was the arbitrage in my receivable portfolio, I would be looking to protect that margin by fixing the cost of my debt. Bigger companies can securitize, but it's not cost effective for most. That's why we've been offering fixed rate tranches on some of our loans. Everyone's been lulled into thinking that interest rates will be low forever, but they won't be, and none of us can predict when they'll go up. There's little risk in fixing costs, because rates can't really go down.

**Chronicle:** What do you think will happen with interest rates?

**Ryczek:** Sharon, I have no idea. They say that anyone who claims to know the answer to that is either a

charlatan or a billionaire, or one about to become the other.

**Chronicle:** Do you see Colebrook experiencing rapid growth over the next year or two?

Ryczek: It's hard to predict, but I would say probably not. Once a timeshare portfolio reaches a certain size, the attrition is so great that it takes a lot of new loan volume just to maintain existing levels. We don't need to grow, and we won't grow for the sake of growing. There are two approaches to starting a finance company. One is to build the assets as quickly as possible and sell the company. The second, which is the path we've taken, is to grow more moderately and operate the business with the intention of being there over the long term. We're always looking for business, and if the growth is there we'll take it, but we won't stretch for it.

**Chronicle:** Where do you see Colebrook in ten years?

Ryczek: Ten years is a long time, and I'm going to twist your question a little and tell you where I'd like Colebrook to be in ten years. I'd like to see the company operated by the same partners, and with the same level of personal service. As long as I'm here, I want to talk to customers and lenders, not sit in staff meetings managing committees. Even if we double or triple in size, I think we can maintain the same way of doing business. It's a state of mind, not a matter of size. I see big companies that are hands-on and small organizations that operate more impersonally than a Fortune 500 company. If we lose the personal touch, we lose our biggest competitive

advantage. Where we are in ten years is also a function of where the timeshare industry is at that time. If the securitization market continues to be strong, and dips down to a lower level, it will dramatically change our market, as would continuing consolidation. I think our flexibility and nimbleness gives us an advantage in adapting to change, so I'm optimistic. Let's talk in 2024 and see how accurate I was.

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# The Small School with Big Plans for Hospitality and Event Management

by By James F. Downey and Linsley T. DeVeau

There are over 4,100 colleges and universities in the United States and few of them are as proactive and forward thinking as Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. Originally founded as a two-year institution in 1962, the school saw exceptional growth as the College of Boca Raton starting in 1971. A hospitality management program was launched in the late 1970's and then in 1986 the school became a four-year institution and eventually a full-fledged university in 1991. Today Lynn University has a growing enrollment of just over 2,100 students from 44 states and 78 foreign countries, and is comprised of four colleges, a school of aeronautics, and a conservatory of music. U.S. News ranked Lynn 4th in international students and, in 2012 Student Advisor ranked Lynn as one of the top 50 social media colleges in the nation and 4th in Florida. Most impressively, the 6th annual 2013 edition of Forbes magazine ranking America's top colleges and universities listed Lynn as one of the best universities in the country. Only 640 institutions made this list and Lynn was ranked 524.

Having celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012, the university has met or surpassed many of the the goals and objectives of its Lynn 20/20 strategic plan launched February 1, 2006. Just in 2012 alone, the university hosted the third and final presidential debate on its campus resulting in economic and publicity gains far surpassing original estimates. In addition, the athletic department saw its unprecedented 20th and 21st national championships won by its men's soccer and women's golf teams respectively. Moreover, having a highly capable and astute administration led by its President Dr. Kevin Ross, a caring and capable faculty, and an engaged and career minded student body, the university is on a solid track to greatness.

A unique academic initiative set for fall of 2013 is the distribution of Apple iPad minis for incoming freshmen. All of the

university's core curriculum, The Dialogues of Learning textbooks and related apps will be uploaded on these Apple tablets for use in and out of the classroom. Eventually, the university would like to eliminate all textbooks and have students rely on the software downloads from their Apple Mini's. Faculty have recently received Apple iPad's which will allow coordination of technology in the classroom on the highest level. This cutting edge step will position Lynn as an in-class leader in classroom technology. Speaking of classrooms, of particular note is the university's average class size. Classes are small with a student to faculty ratio of 16 to 1.

#### **International Business Center**

Leading the way to academic greatness and excellence is the university's receipt of an anonymous donation of 9 million dollars which was subsequently matched by the university's additional 3 million dollars to build an





International Business Center for the College of Business and Management. This 32,000 square foot facility as pictured in the architect's rendering above will be, as the College Dean has so eloquently put it, "a game changer" for the university. Construction has recently begun and plans are to complete the building in the summer/fall of 2014. There will be nine separate majors provided by the college of which hospitality management and event management will be among them to name just a few.

In addition, listed are some of the features this building will provide:

- 32,000 square feet of flexible spaces and common work areas to foster impromptu collaboration
- a design that is targeting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification—the highest level of certification awarded by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)
- the advantage of natural sunlight as a lighting source, decreasing the need for artificial lighting and will include rainwater harvesting to reduce the use of ground water
- space for outside organizations (forprofit and not-for-profit) to come into the college for selected, short-term projects

"This brilliant design is forward-leaning and provides the work and classroom spaces that will help foster learning and innovative thinking," College of Business and Management Dean Tom Kruczek said. "It focuses on flexible spaces for different learning styles in a structure that places sustainability at the heart of its design. I can't think of a better place to teach future business leaders the skills they'll need to succeed in a dynamic and ever-changing global business environment."

Two very dynamic and forward thinking majors that will be housed in the new International Business Center are hospitality management and event management. Outlining some of the key takeaways for both of these majors are provided below

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Moreover, preparing students to succeed in hospitality management involves more than academics and goes far beyond the classroom. The university's South Florida location puts students in a virtual "living laboratory" for hospitality management. Students are surrounded by amazing hotels, restaurants, theme parks and cruise lines. Since the program began over 30 years ago, Lynn has placed its graduates in operational positions ranging from hospitality management trainee to general manager throughout the state, the nation and the world.

#### **Event Management**

Whether students dream of staging a music festival, arranging a charitable fundraising

dinner, working for a major hotel, or starting their own company, this major will give them the skills and knowledge to make that dream come true. One great advantage is that students will graduate with a business degree rather than just a hospitality degree. This gives students a broader career options.



Succeeding in event management involves more than just academics. Students learn about the food industry, the resort industry and how to stage events of any size. For example, students will be involved in "Lynn Learning in Action Projects" where they can work assisting a local PGA golf tournament, a staged campus event or local event planning company.

#### Conclusion

South Florida has amazing hospitality and event management opportunities. Lynn's dedicated administration, staff and faculty will match student interests with internship opportunities in successful and dynamic businesses. All full time hospitality faculty have graduated from the top five lodging management colleges and universities in the nation. They also have outstanding contacts in and out of the state of Florida and are all too anxious to assist all students with their selected major.

The old saying, "good things come in small packages" certainly applies to Lynn University. Having the support and confidence in its programs is it greatest strength now and in the future.

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The plan covers not only the appearance of the resort, such as colors, themes and materials along with renderings projecting what the finished work will look like; but also details the tasks involved and the most economical way to achieve the end product.

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### **Design Master Plans Save Money**

by Sharon Scott, RRP

Did you know that using a professional design firm to create a Master Plan for your resort's interior and exterior design can actually save money? Here to tell us how is Craig J. Smith, partner and co-founder of C2 Limited Design Associates.

"A long-term Master Plan is a comprehensive guide that focuses on the interiors and in many cases, the exteriors, of a resort and provides a plan to create or refurbish the property including details about what steps are required, as well as a timeline for completion of each activity," Smith explains. "The plan covers not only the appearance of the resort, such as colors, themes and materials along with renderings projecting what the finished work will look like; but also details the tasks involved and the most

economical way to achieve the end product. Often, we present a plan that can achieve a world-class look for a very reasonable cost when the steps involved are completed in a scheduled series."

A Master Plan is not just for new developments. Every resort should have one; especially mature projects fighting the advance of deterioration and changing tastes in style.

According to Smith, "C2 Limited has a unique offering in that we provide advisory services to analyze, audit, and envision possibilities for re-positioning existing resorts."

He presents as an example the firm's completion of the award winning resort refurbishment and brand enhancement of The Hershey Hotel in Hershey, Pennsylvania. "We met with the resort's management extensively, prior to creating their Master Plan to understand their design goals and budgetary constraints," says Smith. "We were able to present them with a property improvement plan that either our firm or their local design team could implement."

Smith believes that large development companies would have a lot to gain by using a professional design firm's advisory services. "A professional firm gives you a fresh perspective," he says. "In the case of C2 Limited's unique advisory service, the work is set up and packaged so that a resort's property management team can have their current designers and contractors implement each task with or without our ongoing advisory involvement, if they so desire."

Resort operators are often afraid to call on a professional firm. They fear they will be adding unnecessary additional expense to a refurbishment



project. The argument to be made, however, is that using a professional means you'll have an experienced expert who has learned the pitfalls to be avoided.

#### A Master Plan Keeps Everyone Focused

"Every project, large or small, should have a long-term master plan to ensure that the property always remains looking fresh while staying within a budget," says C2 Limited Design Associates partner Craig J. Smith. "And it keeps everyone focused, preventing a random idea from creating a tangential derailment of the whole effort. Without a plan, resorts inevitably wind up spending more on unexpected items that in the end do not create a unified single vision contextual resort aesthetic and possibly overlooking vital

elements which need to be considered."

It may come as an eye-opener that engaging a professional hospitality design and resort styling firm to create a master plan will actually save money and result in a far superior end product, says Smith.

"We've worked with several world class resorts including The Greenbrier, located in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Sea Island in Georgia and the Turks & Caicos Sporting Club in the British West Indies," says Smith. "We've worked with much smaller aging properties, too like Coral Beach in Bermuda and The Tryall Club in Jamaica. The one thing they all have in common is a desire to control costs while providing an experience for guests and owners to enjoy – one that expresses the resort's theme and properly reflects its underlying vision. The answer is to create a master plan that shows activities and purchases required not only for the current year, but for the next two-to-three years, five years out and so forth."

#### What Does a Master Plan Cover?

"The master plan provides direction for every detail of a comprehensive property improvement plan, from top to bottom," he adds. "Following the plan will





provide consistency and preserve the vision of the resort. For example. for the historic 230-room Hotel Hershev, we created a long-term plan for the property that included the registration lobby, a new retail corridor with its eight shops, ten luxury guest cottages, a meetings cottage, a restaurant that included a tavern, game rooms and meeting facilities, plus a new pool and other outdoor amenities. Without a master plan, it would not be possible to maintain the cohesiveness of the unified aesthetic and overall guest experience throughout the property."

Smith explains that the master plan benefits both large and small resorts. "Of course, The Hotel Hershey is an example of a huge, sprawling property," he says. "Nevertheless, we apply the same consultative process to every client. We are interested in building a longterm relationship with our clients and becoming a go-to resource, whether it is limited to conceptual design advisory services or a complete turnkey assignment."

Regardless of the size and budget of a project, Smith explains that C2 Limited's resort stylists meet with the resort's operators and managing entities to discuss immediate and long-term goals. Whether a resort's plan is simple or complex, the resort stylist must anticipate and provide for changes and additions that will occur in the future to make sure the appearance of newly introduced items don't disrupt the continuity of

A good design firm is one that is willing to invest the time and have the interest in becoming familiar with every aspect of the resort. C2 Limited's Smith also remarks on the advantage a long established firm has through its relationships with suppliers. "We've been in the

resort design and styling business for 27 years," says Smith. "Being able to supply resorts with FF&E that meets their strategic goals and stays current is a major competitive edge for us. It enables us to deliver a better, longer-lasting product at the same cost as if a client did their own remodeling in-house."

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#### The Independent Resort



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A journey with no distinct end in mind or planned route may be a nice way to spend an afternoon, but it certainly isn't the way to run a complex business like a timeshare resort.

# Resorts Don't Plan to Fail; They Fail to Plan

by Scott MacGregor

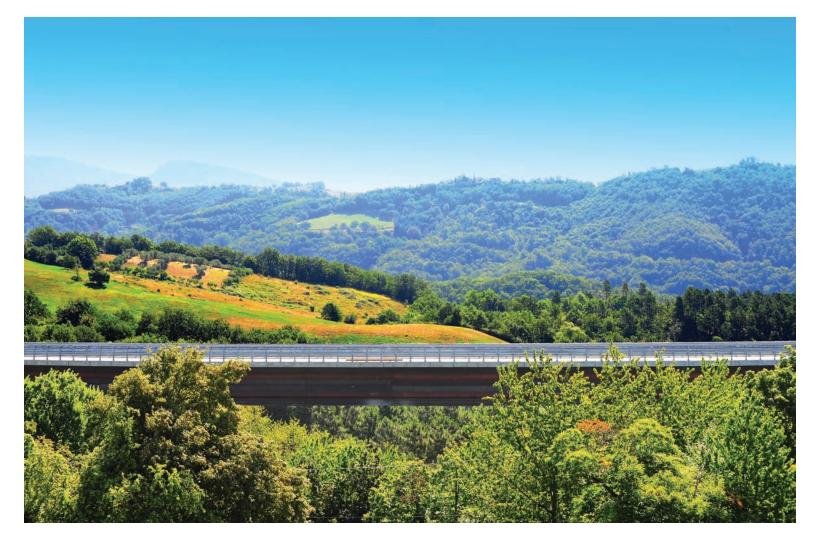
I have loved Sunday drives in the car with my family since I was a kid. Usually, there's no destination or predetermined route; we just watch as the world passes by the windows. Most of the time, we end up somewhere nice; other times, we get lost or end up somewhere we wished we hadn't. At least once I remember running out of gas. A journey with no distinct end in mind or planned route may be a nice way to spend an afternoon, but it certainly isn't the way to run a complex business like a timeshare resort. Yet that's just what many resorts continue to do, thinking about just the next couple miles and not developing a road map with a real destination or identifying the important signposts to spot along the way.

A timeshare resort is a very complex business with many inter-dependent systems; legal, operational and financial challenges and, most importantly, a large group of stake holders who expect and deserve that their individual and collective interests are considered and cared for. Effective planning and execution in a complex and changing environment is hard for any organization, and even more so for independent timeshare resorts. An independent resort is one that isn't dependent on an active developer that has a large and forward-looking stake in the project and so is actively involved in the project's planning and financial stability. Our industry continues to struggle with categorizing its component resorts and the issues and challenges that affect them. The labels "legacy," "sold-out" and "association-controlled" are often applied - and as often, poorly defined - and have their

limited applications. For this discussion, "independent" applies to all those not tied at the hip to a well-heeled developer, and perhaps more so, but not exclusively, to those not part of a managed group. Independent resorts are obligated to consider the challenges of keeping their resort relevant and attractive to their owners and potential renters and purchasers, finding ways to replace those owners who fall out and that deserve a way out if they need it, and making sure they have adequate and reliable income streams and resources to make it all happen.

As with any journey that isn't simply a Sunday drive in the countryside, there are three critical questions to be answered: Where are we now, where do we want to end up, and what are the means available and required to get us there? Effective planning and execution require a complete and objective evaluation of the resort's current condition, its options and resources and specific, measurable and attainable goals.

The initial evaluation is one of the most challenging tasks for many resorts and, if not done thoroughly and with complete objectivity, can lead the resort forward blindly or down the wrong road altogether. It must look beyond financial measurements and trends; it must consider all elements of resort sustainability including its product offering, physical plant, team and leadership competency and development, its environment and competitiveness, its compliance with its governing documents and local, state, and federal statutes, and above all, the rights, expectations, and desires of its owners. It must be able to examine itself from the



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perspectives of not just the current owners, but through the lenses that future guests and owners will see and use to evaluate it.

To be objective and to accurately mark the starting point from which it will measure its progress require that the resort be able to quantify each of these metrics, and there are ways to do that in each and every category. Financial measurements are the simplest, and so are often relied upon exclusively as the proxy for the resort's overall health. But financials tell only a small part of the story. Owner and guest comments and online evaluation tools like TripAdvisor and TimeshareAdvisor provide ways to accurately measure owner and guest satisfaction as well as its standing among its peers and alternatives. Point values published by the exchange companies, when indexed against a resort's maintenance fee, give a relative measure of cost of ownership across the resort's unit types and seasonal demand bands. Insurance companies offer models for measuring risk. Rental and resale rates provide comparable indicators of value. Team competencies and stability are measurable. Even aesthetic and quantitative elements like curb appeal and cleanliness lend themselves to standards and measurement. A resort that's paying its bills today, but which may not pass its next sprinkler inspection or appeal to the area's vacationer may not have a very bright

Once the resort has taken stock of its condition and begun to identify its strengths and weaknesses, it can more clearly consider its objectives and prospects for the future and start developing the tools and resources required to get there. It is here that two

important labels come into the discussion. Resorts that enjoy strong fundamentals and few or no "red flags" around issues of life & safety or compliance and which can reasonably expect these conditions to continue indefinitely are sustainable. Resorts for which the return on investment required to achieve sustainability is negative or unmeasurable are functionally obsolete, and it's time for their leadership to start considering alternatives – and there are alternatives - before it's too late. In either case, the roadmap and inventory of required resources are required, as are clear, transparent and regular two-way communications with the owners about the resort's condition, options, and plans.

The resources required to complete the journey, regardless of the destination, always include time, capital and expertise. A realistic and achievable plan will consider thoughtfully the amount, availability and source of each. Of even greater importance are the benchmarks, milestones, and goals against which the progress of the plan will be measured and those vested with the responsibility for executing it will be held accountable. This brings us back to the importance of that initial resort evaluation. By identifying the wide range of factors that contribute to a resort's sustainability and applying a measurement method to each, the resort's leadership not only established a starting point for each metric, but also established in the process a manageable way to set goals, consider resources needed and measure progress.

A reserve study is one of the most common (but still vastly underused) resources

available to resorts that clearly illustrate this process. Properly done, it inventories the resort's starting point in terms of its capital components, establishes effective remaining useful lives and estimated future replacement costs of each component, and indicates when money must be available for their replacement. Similarly, a resort's leadership may determine that it needs to incorporate a trust into its legal structure to add flexibility and marketability to its product offering and so must estimate the time and costs of the legal assistance and owner communications necessary to accomplish that goal. The results are measured in the amount of inventory owned by the Association and the resale values of its owners' intervals. They may need to invest in the resort's online presence, reputation and reservations technology, with the goal of moving its TripAdvisor scores up to the 20th percentile in the market.

They may also find along the way that some goals aren't achievable based on the resources allocated for that purpose, and the plan has to be revised. Without distinct metrics, each with its own measurement systems and milestones, the overall plan may go off course without anyone understanding how or why, and with no efficient means to navigate a new course.

Plan the trip. If sustainability is your destination – or even if another path is the right one for your resort - invest the time and effort in evaluating the resort's condition and prospects, answer honestly the hard questions about your obligations to its owners and options for the future, and commit to transparent planning, evaluation and reporting. Your present and future owners deserve it.





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# Industry News

#### Merlin Software for Vacation Ownership set to bring cloud computing to ARDA 2014

Merlin Software for Vacation Ownership, the leading provider of cloud-based software-as-a-service to the resort industry, will once again be participating at the upcoming ARDA World 2014. The event takes place from April 6-10 at the Venetian Resort Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada

On April 9 from 9am Merlin's Mike Ashton will be joining the ARDA IT Smorgasbord panel considering how much of this function should be kept in house and how much to hand off to third party specialists.

In the convention's exhibition hall, the Merlin team will be demonstrating the software directly from the company's booth (#936).

"Anyone with an interest in cloud computing can pop by and we'll show how easy it is to run your entire resort operation in the cloud – and the cost and operational benefits of this form of technology," explained Mike Ashton.

One of the most important elements of Merlin today is Merlin Member Interactive which is functionality that allows owners to transact online directly from a resort's website – with Merlin

capturing all the data to a single database for resort staff to access.

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New for 2014 is Merlin's web services programme with an advanced application-programming interface (API) that allows greater integration with third-party systems.

This enables companies with skilled IT departments to build custom applications and employ Merlin technology to gain greater control of the construction and optimisation of their websites.

"We've built a supercar and we know it works. Now we're giving resorts access to all its parts, so they can build their own according to their specifications," added Mike Ashton.

Merlin Software for Vacation Ownership, is the leading provider of cloud-based enterprise software for the vacation ownership industry.

Developed as state of the art business application software, Merlin is the only complete enterprise timeshare software system to be cloud-based and served over the Internet on demand using the SaaS model (Software as a Service). Users access their Merlin accounts securely via a web browser anywhere with an Internet connection.

Merlin's front to back functionality includes marketing, sales, front office, property management and back office modules and website integration for members and prospects. This form of software as a service (SaaS) helps businesses become more efficient and productive and makes bringing new products and services to market faster and easier.

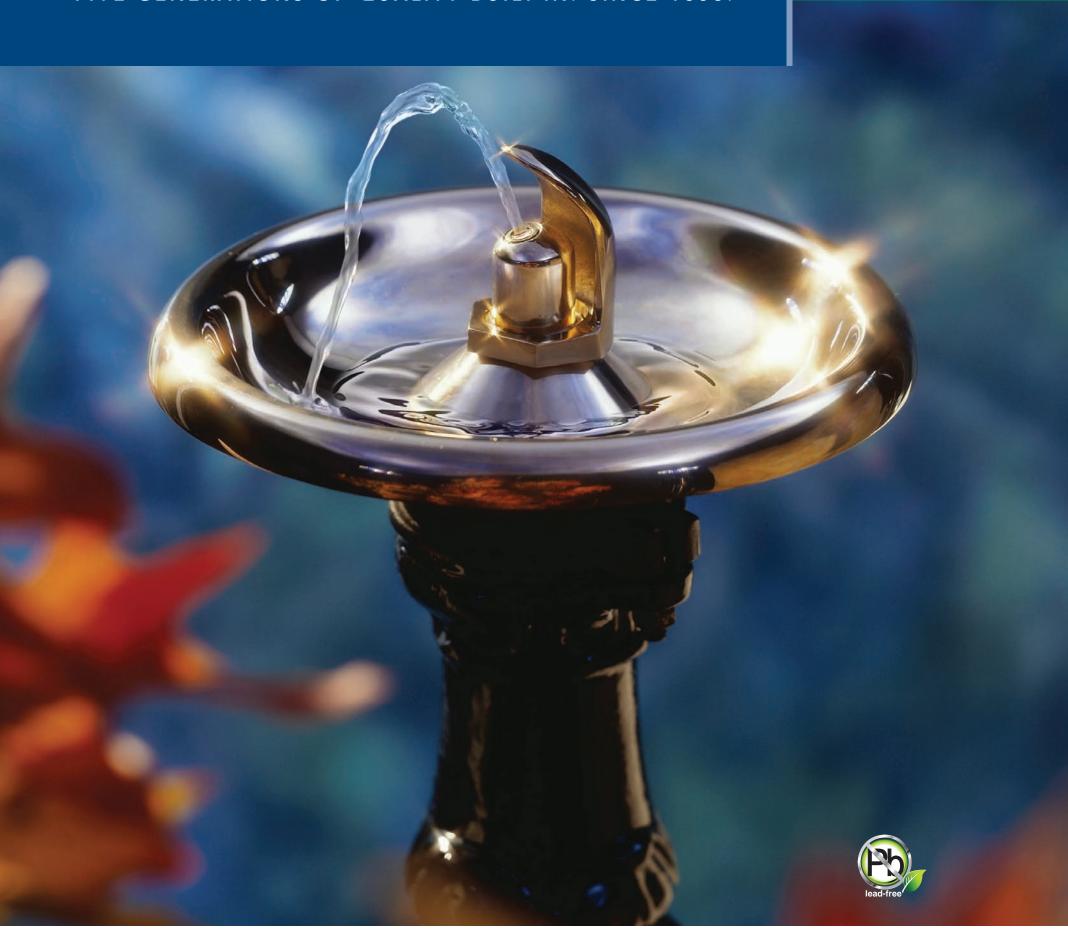
The technology platform for Merlin consists of a Microsoft SQL Server database back end with the front end built using Active Server Pages (Browser Front End). As Merlin is served over the Internet there is no requirement for any expensive communication links or hardware and can be accessed from wherever there is an Internet connection.

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My name is Teresa Ponce and I was born and raised in California. Growing

Up my family did not have much money or resources. I had fifteen dollars in my pocket, a plane ticket and all of my belongings in two suitcases. I put myself through school, obtained a Master's in Food Science and have worked hard my entire life.

This past June I was diagnosed with Invasive Ductal Carcinoma stage 2C, at the age of 33. After having both breasts

removed and my many struggles that ensued, I decided to not have reconstructive surgery. I want my scars to tell my epic story and inspire others to take charge of their health, be courageous and deal with adversity.

My husband Daniel has been in Mexico since August of 2012. We have been battling a very time consuming immigration case in order for him to obtain his visa. Since his absence, I have been both mother and father as

immigration case in order for him to obtain his visa. Since his absence, I have been both mother and father as well as bringing in only one income. Daniel and I have a beautiful, loving and vibrant five year-old daughter, Danessa Ponce. Danessa started Pre-K this past fall and has been a huge help during this hurdle in our lives! It is extremely hard for me to let my daughter see me like this; bald, no breast, sick and scars all over. Through many conversations, interactions and prayers it seems that Danessa has had some peace in her heart about me being this way. But of my daughter's smile, her laugh and the time we spend together, gives me the willpower to fight. Days being numbered and tomorrow never being promised became a quick reality in the Ponce household.

My mother Mary is a four-time cancer survivor (2x Breast, Cervical and Melanoma) who has not only had to be my caretaker but my daughters as well. My mom is currently on disability herself, recuperating from her double mastectomy and chemotherapy. My mother travels an hour from Morrison to Enid every week then turns around and

drives me the two hours to Cancer Treatment Centers of American in Tulsa. She then drives us back to Enid and stays to cook,& clean for us. My mother has been my back bone throughout my journey. My mother deserves the vacation as so often most caregivers do. Due to absolutely no unnecessary spending, I have been able to meet my monthly mortgage and utility bills every month.

Danessa's dream is to some day visit a beach and most importantly play in the sand. She is a lover of water. In my mind there would be no better gift for my little girl and mother than to be with them at the ocean. Just the very thought of walking hand in hand with my daughter collecting shells on the beach every morning fills my heart with courage and reason to fight harder. I want inner peace for my mother; a chance to clear her mind, soul & mind. This trip would be an answered prayer, a miracle and a rare blessing to have our

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# RCI® Online Points Conversion Tool Makes Converting Owners to Points Simple, Efficient and Cost-Effective

RCI, the global leader in vacation exchange and part of the Wyndham Worldwide (NYSE: WYN) family of brands, debuted the RCI® Online Points Conversion Tool, the industry's first web-based points conversion platform of its kind, today at the ARDA World 2014 Convention & Expo. This powerful marketing tool gives affiliates a simple and efficient way to demonstrate to owners the benefits of upgrading to RCI Points® membership.

The RCI Online Points Conversion Tool is a welcome alternative to the timely and costly in-person sales and phone call strategies typically employed for Points conversion. Through the RCI Online Points Conversion Tool, affiliates can quickly and easily execute campaigns that present owners with easy-to-understand information on the benefits of converting to a Points-based program. The platform also allows owners to digest the content at their leisure in the comfort of their own home, likely making them more open-minded to an upgrade purchase than they might be on a sales call or an on-site demonstration during their vacation.

"Converting to RCI Points® membership is truly a win-win situation. It gives owners more freedom and flexibility to plan their vacations and provides additional revenue opportunity for affiliates," said Gordon Gurnik, president of RCI. "Historically, converting owners from RCI Weeks® to Points has been an expensive and time-consuming process. The new RCI Online Points Conversion Tool is the latest example of our commitment

to providing our affiliates with some of the best sales tools in the industry."

The RCI Online Points Conversion Tool empowers affiliates who wish to convert their owners to RCI Points to be able to clearly demonstrate all the benefits of the RCI Points program. Owners are presented with real-life vacation scenarios customized to the approximate Points allocation they would receive. Through the platform, owners can also learn about various options to help them grasp just how flexible Points-based ownership really is, such as using Points for multiple short stays, borrowing Points from a future year, rolling Points over or using Points for travel extras like car rentals.

Affiliates also have the flexibility to deliver targeted marketing to individual owners through the tool by identifying owner segments including inactive owners, tenured owners, or those visiting during a certain time period, and then customize the content and messaging to appeal to that specific audience.

To use the platform, affiliates send personalized email invitations to targeted owners. Once the owner clicks the custom URL contained in the email, they are connected to the platform

and presented with a co-branded website specially tailored to their membership. Using images, personalized content, videos, interactive quizzes and animation, the self-guided experience engages and excites owners while building brand recognition for the resort.

"The RCI Online Points Conversion Tool is a highly valuable tool when it comes to presenting the benefits of the RCI Points program in a transparent manner that

is customized to the owner's vacation profile," said Carl Hardin, COO of Somerpointe Resorts. "We spent the better part of the last two years getting the word out about the RCI Points program, and there has been an overwhelming acceptance of the product. With the new platform, it's now easier and more cost-effective than ever to inform all our owners of the benefits of RCI Pointe."

For ease of management, RCI has also invested in a custom-built content management system. The content management component of the RCI Online Points Conversion Tool gives affiliates the ability to adjust live content in real time and instantly preview what any specific audience segment will see when visiting the site.

RCI is the worldwide leader in vacation exchange with nearly 4,500 affiliated resorts in more than 100 countries. RCI pioneered the concept of vacation exchange in 1974, offering member's increased flexibility and versatility with their vacation ownership experience. Today, through the RCI Weeks® program, the week-forweek exchange system, and the RCI Points® program, the industry's first global points-based exchange system, RCI provides flexible vacation options to its approximately 3.7 million RCI subscribing members each year. RCI's luxury exchange program, The Registry Collection®, is the world's largest program of its kind with approximately 200 affiliated properties either accessible for exchange or under development on six continents. RCI is part of Wyndham Exchange & Rentals and the Wyndham Worldwide family of brands (NYSE: WYN). For additional information visit our media center, rciaffiliates.com or The RCI Blog. RCI also can be found on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.



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Randy Fish. ARP -Vice President of Marketing, Holiday Travel of America

# Industry News

#### The Royal Suites by Palladium Resorts Join Interval International

Interval International, a prominent worldwide provider of vacation services and an operating business of Interval Leisure Group (Nasdaq: IILG), announced the affiliation of The Royal Suites Yucatan by Palladium and The Royal Suites Punta de Mita by Palladium in Mexico and The Royal Suites Turquesa by Palladium in the Dominican Republic. Part of Palladium Hotel Group's top luxury tier, these properties feature an upscale, all-inclusive program designed to appeal to sophisticated adult travelers.

"Palladium Hotel Group has years of experience in shared ownership and we are proud that they have chosen to affiliate their high-quality properties with Interval," said Marcos Agostini, Interval's senior vice president of resort sales and business development for Latin America. "We believe these resorts will be especially appealing to our members since they offer such a wide variety of amenities and services and are located in prime vacation destinations.'



"The Royal Suites' distinctive blend of adult-only accommodations and personalized service will resonate with discriminating members interested in the opportunity to get away and enjoy the privacy of an exclusive boutique-style resort in a tranquil setting," said Sergio Zertuche, general manager of the Palladium Hotel Group. "With our all-inclusive program, their every need will be met from the moment

Located 20 minutes from Playa del Carmen in the renowned Riviera Maya, The Royal Suites Yucatan has 130 units that feature a living room, fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops and modern appliances, state-of-the-art electronics, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a private terrace with a hot tub.

The Royal Suites Punta de Mita is on Banderas Bay in the Riviera Navarit about an hour northwest of Puerto Vallarta. The property includes 100 units decorated in tropical colors overlooking acres of lush tropical vegetation and a private 1000-foot golden-sand beach

The Royal Suites Turquesa is situated on the Dominican Republic's famous Punta Cana Bávaro Beach, which was ranked among the top 25 beaches in the Caribbean by Tripadvisor's "2014 Travelers' Choice Awards." The property has 372 spacious units with elegant furnishings, flat-screen satellite TVs, iPod docks, and views of

Owners and guests at each property can take advantage of adultonly restaurants, bars, and swimming pools. Other onsite services and activities include exercise room, butler service, 24-hour room service, and live entertainment. They also have full access to countless family friendly amenities and activities available within each Palladium resort complex: a la carte gourmet restaurants and bars, full-service spa, beauty salon, gift shop, aerobics classes, miniature golf, tennis, bike trails, beach volleyball, and numerous

New purchasers at these properties will be enrolled as individual members of Interval International, entitling them to a host of yearround benefits, including the opportunity to exchange their weeks for stays at other resorts in Interval's global network.

For more information, go to www.palladiumhotelgroup.com.

#### Liberty Bank renews financing for Bluegreen Vacations

Wellington Financial says Liberty Bank renewed its \$50 million timeshare receivables loan to Bluegreen Vacations.

Wellington Financial, the exclusive Resort Finance lending correspondent for Liberty Bank, announced the bank has recently renewed a financing agreement with a major vacation ownership sales, marketing and resort management company, Bluegreen Corporation ("Bluegreen Vacations" or "Bluegreen"). The \$50 million hypothecation loan will be used to finance vacation ownership interest ("VOI") notes receivable.

"We have enjoyed working with the team at Bluegreen since 2008," says Liberty Bank VP Denise Brewer. "They are extremely capable and resourceful; always willing to go that extra mile. This has been a mutually satisfying relationship and one that we look forward to

"On behalf of the team here at Bluegreen, we are pleased to continue working with Liberty Bank and their servicing entity, Wellington Financial," says Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Tony Puleo of Bluegreen Corporation. "It is our pleasure to be able to renew our loan and support our VOI operations with this facility."

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Steve Drummond President of Destiny Resorts, Inc.

# Industry News

#### SPI Software Selected by staySky Vacation Club, Orlando

staySky Vacation Club, an important new entrant into the vacation ownership business, has signed an agreement with SPI Software to provide enterprise-wide software and

staySky Vacation Club will operate a family-friendly vacation club in the Orlando, Florida area – one of the U.S.'s most popular vacation destinations - and will provide a unique product offering of high quality Vacation Club Programs based on an excellent location, top-tier customer service, and exclusive club member benefits for today's modern buyer. staySky Vacation Club's unique product line is tailored to appeal to a wide range of consumers; catering to the expectations of vacation

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"Our mandate for selecting our software platform was simple: We wanted the best system and the best value," comments John Sky Hotels and Resorts an staySky Vacation Club. "SPI is in a class above others systems we looked at. Using their system provides us with a clear competitive advantage in the marketplace. We look forward to implementing the system to assist with the aggressive roll-out of staySky's flagship Vacation Club product at the Lake Buena Vista Resort Village & Spa location.

"staySky Hotels and Resorts is a portfolio of unique hotels and resorts in Orlando and Daytona Beach, Florida with well-appointed, spacious accommodations and the generous amenities," says SPI VP of Sales Matt Brosious. "staySky Hotels and Resorts offer



#### **Grand Pacific Resort Management Continues Growth Surge**

Meadow Lake Resort Brings Resort Portfolio to Twenty

Grand Pacific Resort Management (GPRM) of Carlsbad, has added Meadow Lake Resort to its portfolio of quality timeshare resorts, bringing the number of resorts managed to 20. Meadow Lake is GPRM's first addition of 2014, adding to the four resorts GPRM welcomed into its family of managed resorts in 2013

Meadow Lake, the premier Montana Golf and Ski Resort is located just minutes from Big Mountain at Whitefish, Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake. This 330-acre RCI Gold Crown resort features 114 timeshare condominiums, 24 hotel rooms, an on-site restaurant/bar, a full service spa, recreation center with pools, hot tub and fitness rooms; all adjacent to the championship Meadow ake Golf Course, Serviced by Glacier International Airport and in close proximity to Amtrak's Whitefish depot, Meadow Lake Resort is located in Columbia Falls, Montana—an area filled with dining, shopping and recreational activities such as golf, fishing, sailing, biking, hiking, skiing and much more.

David Brown, Co-President of this growing timeshare management company says Meadow Lake is an excellent opportunity to "demonstrate our expertise as a mountain property management company and expand our footprint in the West. This addition to the GPR family of managed resorts also provides our Owners with yet another choice for a mountain getaway. Meadow Lake is the perfect atmosphere for the family vacations that our Owners have come to expect from properties managed by Grand Pacific. Our owners may now choose from five exceptional mountain properties in Canada, Northern California, as well as Montana...plus our great beach resorts in California and Hawaii.

"We are proud of our team's ongoing commitment to our Service Culture and to enriching the lives of our Owners, Exchangers and Guests. Our reputation is spreading rapidly as a highly regarded and fully integrated provider of resort management excellence" added Nigel Lobo, COO of Grand Pacific Resorts.

"We have grown by over 25% in the past year," said Sherri Weeks, VP of Business Development at GPRM. "We are so pleased to be able to provide more than 70,000 families with our award winning service culture. More and more HOAs are seeing the value our owner engagement, fiscal responsibility, and a genuine attitude of hospitality and service can bring to a resort. Our reputation is driving our success and owner referrals continue to be our greatest 'new business development component.

"What we offer are memorable vacations and when owners, guests and exchangers see that our unique service culture brings genuine vibrancy to timeshare vacations, they seek us out to discuss how we can assist them manage their home resorts professionally while maintaining their uniqueness" added Lobo.

Included in the Meadow Lake full-service management contract are resort operations, design and purchasing, renovations, and Owner Services including inventory and reservations support. GPRM will also handle all maintenance fee billing and collections through Advanced Financial Company (AFC), a Grand Pacific affiliate. Meadow Lake owners will benefit from Grand Pacific's full suite of rental offerings through ResorTime, as well as internal exchange services through Grand Pacific Exchange (GPX).

For more information about Meadow Lake Resort, www.meadowlake.com or www.resortime.com/meadowlake.

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# Industry News

#### SPI Software Selected by **GetAways Resort Management**

SPI, the leading provider of vacation ownership software, announced their software has been selected by GetAways Resort Management, a subsidiary of BQ Resorts headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

After five years with SPI, we have come to rely on SPI's technology to manage our network of resort partners," says GetAways' President Tom Johnson. "GetAways Resort Management chose SPI's system based on our many years of positive experience working with them. Their technology is the best in class in every respect and their staff is always eager to please."

"SPI is very pleased to broaden our relationship with Tom and his team to include GetAways Resort Management," says SPI VP of Sales Matt Brosious. "At the present, our software will be handling the points-based vacation ownership product. But the beauty of SPI's software is that it is capable of operating efficiently as new resort entities are added to the mix."

SPI can be reached at 305-858-9505, sales@spiinc.com. Visit our blog at www.spiinc.com/blog and join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TimeshareSoftwareSPI.

#### **Breakthrough Timeshare Resale Analysis** Released by BuyaTimeshare.com

BuyaTimeshare.com (http://buyatimeshare.com) has released the results of an evaluation of owner resale information based on the consumer advertisements placed on the resale leader's

Conducted by the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management at the University of South Carolina, the independent study measured information from over 18,000 advertisements placed by owners looking to sell their timeshares through BuyaTimeshare.com.

Among the findings:

- The median advertised sale price was \$11,000
- The mode (most frequent) sale price was \$10,000
- The average maintenance fee associated with an interval was \$673
- 2-bedroom units were the most popular units placed for sale, followed by 2-bedroom lockouts and 3-bedroom units
- The median amount of points placed for sale in an ad was

"This is a significant sample size of actual timeshare owners participating in the secondary market," said Wesley Kogelman, President and CEO, BuyaTimeshare.com. "This isn't a theoretical discussion about possible trends, but actually where the rubber meets the road."

"What strikes me is how closely aligned the advertised prices are compared to earlier resale research conducted by ARDA. For example, the ARDA resale study last year said that buyer intenders, either new buyers or current owners looking for more product, had an expectation of price between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

"The overall average maintenance fee charged per interval is \$822 according to the 2013 ARDA State of the Industry report, so it is interesting that the maintenance fees included in our resale ads are so much lower," added Kogelman. "Perhaps this shows that maintenance fees are not the primary resale motivator that many suggest."

Resorts from 47 states were identified in the analysis, showing the national scope of the BuyaTimeshare.com site and how comprehensive the site is compared to many resale sites and companies which only serve specific resort brands or geographical areas of the United States.

The most popular states represented were:

- Florida with 30% of the ads representing Florida-based resorts
- California 13%
- Nevada 9%
- Hawaii 7%
- South Carolina 6%

"The top five states in our data mirror the states with the largest percentage of timeshare units as identified by ARDA in the State of the Industry report, so we are pleased to see that our information is in line with those findings," added Kogelman.

To find out more about BuyaTimeshare.com, please visit http://buyatimeshare.com.

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#### **Resort Trades Testimonial**

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#### **Resort Trades Testimonial**

It was a pleasure speaking with you last week. We are extremely pleased with The Resort Trades publication. We have grown together over the years and we enjoy their professionalism. Thank you for doing a great job for us.

Sherrie Dorsten Senior Vice President of EMCC, Inc./RMI/Equiant

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# ResortCom

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Specialty: ResortCom International offers a range of cutting-edge services and a flexible, customizable platform to maximize your success. We are known for innovative tools developed by thought leaders and solution strategists such as marketing campaign management, email marketing, social media integration, tour management, iPad App for sales room and integrated data 24/7. Our Las Vegas-based contact center is staffed with knowledgeable people who utilize a fully integrated CRM system to manage any customer questions with comprehensive and detailed follow-up. ResortCom is also in partnership with LaTour Hotels and Resorts. LaTour provides superior management services to hotel owners throughout the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean. Lead by Tom LaTour, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Kimpton Hotel and Restaurant Group, LaTour is the industry's premier management and services group providing the expertise, tools and solutions to build business, grow revenue, while improving the bottom line and delighting owners and guests.

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#### **RESORT MANAGEMENT**



GRAND PACIFIC RESORT MANAGEMENT

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# Industry News

#### Les Roches International School Launches Master of Science in Hospitality Leadership

Les Roches International School of Hotel Management is launching a Master of Science in Hospitality Leadership. Classes will start in January 2015. The degree's curriculum is built on three pillars: leading oneself, leading others, and



leading businesses and organizations. The announcement was made during Les Roches Leadership Series "How you can inspire leadership" on Bluche Campus by Jonathan Perks, an author, speaker and international business coach, on March 3.

The Master of Science in Hospitality Leadership is a two-semester program that allows students to pursue courses at Les Roches campuses in Bluche, Switzerland. Courses will focus on training students how to effectively lead virtual and international teams, strategic management, conflict and negotiation and innovation and creativity. The curriculum will provide students with a global view on hospitality leadership to help them understand what it means to be a strategic and successful leader in the industry and help them complete complex scenario analyses that lead to creative

"Today, global hospitality businesses aspire to hire graduates who- not only have knowledge of the industry- but also have unique strategic leadership skills," said Sonia Tatar, CEO of Les Roches. "The objective of this master's degree is to develop tomorrow's leaders and equip them with strategic thinking competencies, help them drive compelling visions and acquire

competitive leadership traits. This program will give students a unique academic experience, positioning them at the forefront of the hospitality industry. We will encourage them to develop new learning approaches and adapt to a global business environment in the hospitality sector."

This new Master of Science in Hospitality Leadership is aligned with Les Roches' commitment to prepare students for a range of multicultural and diverse careers in hospitality management.

According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), international tourism expenditure exceeded WTTC expectations, with an estimated growth of 4.0% in 2013. By 2023, travel and tourism are expected to increase the GDP contribution from US\$6.9 trillion in 2013 to US\$10.4 trillion in 2023. In the same time frame, the industry will grow to contribute nearly 72 million additional jobs, supporting a total of 338 million jobs around the world. As new high-end hotels are built, they will need to recruit leaders whose talents are unmatched.

"In all international companies, leadership skills are critical for success," said Perks, who is the author of Inspiring Leadership and a frequent motivational speaker. "Leadership is about translating vision into reality and it is something you can learn over time. This new master's program should definitely help students strengthen this skill."

For more information about the new Master of Science in Hospitality Leadership, please visit www.lesroches.edu.

#### Crelogix to Provide Financing for **BuyaTimeshare.com Canadian Customers**

Crelogix Acceptance Corporation, a leading Canadian consumer financing provider, is pleased to announce it has partnered with

BuyaTimeshare.com, a US-based online platform specializing in re-selling timeshares across the world. As part of the partnership, Crelogix will provide direct consumer financing for Canadian buyers interested in accessing the timeshare re-sale market offered online by BuyaTimeshare.com.

This affiliate partnership will enable BuyaTimeshare.com's Canadian customers to finance their timeshare purchases through Crelogix's online application form or by contacting Crelogix directly. Customers can get help with their applications by contacting the Support Department, by phone and email seven days a week.

"We are excited to be a reliable financing provider for vacation ownership customers, and we are sure they will benefit from our expert knowledge of the timeshare industry," said Nicholas Carter, Vice President of Quality Assurance for Crelogix. "We share BuyaTimeshare.com's enthusiasm for helping facilitate a growing market for Canadians interested in owning a timeshare. Our loans are convenient and competitive, making them a perfect match for BuyaTimeshare.com's straightforward re-sale market."

"The timeshare re-sale market continues to grow as a significant generator of sales for the overall timeshare industry, providing nearly one out of every three new buyers to the U.S. market alone," said Wesley Kogelman, President and CEO, BuyaTimeshare.com. "With Canadians accounting for nearly \$2 million USD in timeshares purchased on our website, our relationship with Crelogix will give us the opportunity to offer financing to those Canadians and let them enjoy the significant savings available on the re-sale market."

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#### Working with competitors By Tommy Middaugh, Travel To Go

#### What is a competitor?

A competitor is a business that sells similar products or services to similar audiences as your company does. However, it is extremely rare for two businesses to sell exactly the same products and services to the exact same market. Competitors can overlap in various ways but they tend to run their customer service, sales & marketing, and business development operations differently as they work towards their individualized goals. Most companies work hard at differentiating themselves from the competition, which is why collaboration among competitors can be successful.

#### Why should you work with your competitors?

As long as competitors don't fully overlap on products, services, or markets, there are opportunities for companies to create collaborative partnerships. These strategic alliances can help

businesses gain access to new customers, distribution channels and niche markets that may be difficult for each business to penetrate on its own without having to increase marketing expenses. Together, companies can also access and share additional services, resources and technologies that might otherwise be too expensive to afford individually.

#### How do you make the best out of working with competitors?

For the relationship to be successful, it must be balanced and mutually beneficial, with each business offering something valuable to the other. For example, Travel To Go recently entered a strategic partnership with DAE (Dial An Exchange), one of the world's largest independent global timeshare exchange providers. This alliance allows Travel To Go members to use the DAE platform to deposit their timeshare interests, as well as search, book and confirm discounted exchanges instantly. In exchange, DAE gains access to a new niche of timeshare owners, with Travel To Go now acting as its distributor. It's a win-win for all parties involved, including each company's customers.

#### Why is it important to learn from the competition and how does it benefit the industry overall?

First, by understanding the products or services your competitors offer and the audience they serve, you may create new products and acquire

new markets your competitors do not cater to yet. Second, analyzing your competition's successes and failures can help you implement some changes so you remain competitive. For example, at Travel To Go we are learning to become even more consumer centric and we continue to incorporate easier booking online. Third, joining forces as a group can have many positive effects. Working together on challenging industry issues can help find solutions that benefit the industry as a whole. For instance, Travel To Go is part of ARDA's Travel Club task force, where we work alongside our competitors to make our business more credible and reliable. Finally, the more competition we have, the more we can all work as an industry and find ways to increase demand for our business, which

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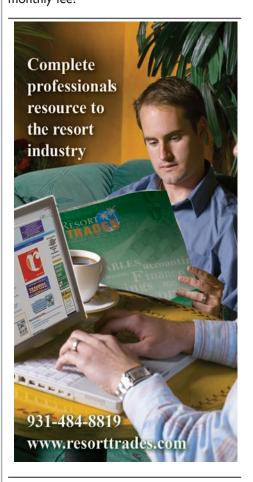
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# Industry News

#### RCI Wins Nine 2014 ARDA Awards Including ACE **Customer Service: Industry Partner**

RCI, the global leader in vacation exchange and part of the Wyndham Worldwide family of brands (NYSE:WYN), won nine awards at the 2014 ARDA Awards Gala Dinner in Las Vegas last night. Among the three coveted ACE awards the company took home was the prized ACE Customer Service: Industry Partner award, which was presented to RCI for its commitment to delivering the best service to its customers around the world.

"We are ecstatic to once again take home the ACE Customer Service Award," said Gordon Gurnik, president of RCI. "Customer satisfaction is our number one priority at RCI, and we are committed to listening to, engaging and servicing our customers in whatever way is most convenient and accessible for them. Whether helping a customer online or on the phone, RCI® vacation guides consistently provide prompt, friendly service and assistance to make it easy to book amazing vacations all over the world."

The continued evolution of RCI's customer service department ensures consistent satisfaction through the use of modern tools such as the Click to Chat online service, which gives customers immediate access to a representative when online, and 22 on-site RCI associates in the U.S. RCI also has a team of traveling associates throughout Europe that provides member servicing and problem resolution in a face-to-face setting.

RCI's Tara Bergeron won the ACE Spirit of Hospitality Award. Bergeron has significant industry experience and now applies this expertise to RCI's Online Tour Generation program. Working to

support affiliates' growth, Bergeron identifies and connects them with leads for new potential vacation owners. She is known for her energy, professionalism, competence and poise.

RCI associate Amy Self was part of a group that took home the ACE Volunteer of the Year Award for her involvement in the ARDA LEAPS Leadership Development Task Force. ARDA LEAPS is a one-year program for individuals at various management levels designed to develop and educate future leaders committed to serving ARDA and the shared vacation ownership industry.

RCI was also recognized with the following awards:

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Direct Mail: Points Beginning Use Year (BUY) Campaign, RCI

Sales Center Materials: RCI Presenter, RCI

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Video Production, Other: RCI ARDA '13 Booth Teaser, Lenz-works Productions

"On behalf of everyone at RCI, we're thrilled to have won nine ARDA Awards today," continued Gurnik. "This impressive collection of awards stands as a testament to the great work being done throughout the company from graphic design, advertising and marketing campaigns to video production and mobile app development. We will continue working on behalf of our subscribing members and affiliates, and we're excited to help make timeshare the preferred choice of travelers everywhere."

For additional information visit our media center, rciaffiliates.com or The RCI Blog. RCI also can be found on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

#### Liberty Bank renews financing for Silverleaf Resorts

Wellington Financial, the exclusive Resort Finance lending correspondent for Liberty Bank, announced the bank has recently closed a financing agreement with a major timeshare resort development company, Silverleaf Resorts, Inc. The bank agreed to provide a new \$25 million revolving inventory loan facility and to renew their \$50 million revolving hypothecation loan facility.

"Liberty Bank and Wellington Financial's staff has been very easy to work with," says Mike Smith, Senior Vice President of Capital Markets at Silverleaf Resorts. "Going through the procedure simultaneously for two transactions provided a few complexities, but thanks to their professionalism these were easily ironed out."

"We have found the relationship with Silverleaf Resorts to be very satisfactory over the years," says Liberty Bank Vice President David Brede, "Liberty's relationship with Silverleaf dates back to 2007. Silverleaf's management team has been very consistent in providing a sound product that can appeal to a diversified customer base. We are pleased to continue the lending relationship and expand it to accommodate their growth."

Wellington Financial President Ron Goldberg notes that Silverleaf Resorts has been in the business since 1989. "The resorts' offerings provide their timeshare owners with value, variety, convenience and flexibility - a winning quartet," he says.

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# Industry News

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Lubner Group (www.LubnerGroup.com), internationally respected for its hospitality and commercial design work, has recently named Lauren Hanson as Hospitality Designer to its award-winning company.

According to Nancy Woodhouse, IDS, Lubner Group's Vice President of Design & Product Development, "Lauren has over a dozen years experience as an Interior Designer. Her project management skills and hospitality background are a perfect match to our growing needs. Lauren will be assisting in all facets of the design process, from the inspiration to the installation. She'll work closely with our offices in both Naples and Orlando.

Most recently, Lubner Group's new design professional served as Project Manager and Interior Designer for the past ten years with Aumen Asner of Baltimore,

Lauren Hanson comes to her new position with advanced AutoCAD and 3D rendering computer skills. She is a NCIDQ and Leed Certified Project Manager with expertise in residential, commercial, and hospitality projects. She is also proficient in construction drawing preparation, space planning, lighting, custom-millwork detailing and finish and furniture specifications.

Hanson received a B.S. in Visual Communications from Towson University in Maryland and studied Interior Design at the Maryland Institute College of Art and Fine Arts and architecture in Florence, Italy.

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expanded its services to include marketing services, said Frank Ingrande, Vice President of Marketing and Sales Services for the award winning company.

Frank Ingrande

Due to a specific request to develop a comprehensive owner referral program for a major client, ResortCom International began providing marketing services in 1999. Over time the 30 year old company gradually expanded their services to include non-owner referral, past guest, and pre-arrival marketing. After many years of fine tuning, ResortCom made the decision to offer these marketing services to other existing clients. And now, the highly respected company offers these services to new clients as well.



In response to this need, ResortCom has developed sales operations for Park Plaza in Park City Utah, Front Sight in Nevada and is in the process of putting together sales operations for Aquarius Vacation Club in Puerto Rico. To oversee the division, ResortCom hired a regional sales director with extensive sale force development and management to oversee this division.

According to Ingrande, "since ResortCom now provides marketing services and sales force development and management any resort that currently has inventory to sell but does not have a sales force in place can potentially benefit from these new services.

ResortCom's Chairman John Small said "We are highly regarded for the hospitality and resort management arm of our business. Yet, we are also well known for our Call Center and Financial Services, having been a leader and innovator in the field for many years, now we are ready to let everyone know about our strong marketing and sales component."

Alex Marxer, President of the company says "our turnkey operation can manage a resort's entire process, or they may opt to choose one of our numerous components.

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