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*\*left: The central swimming pool sits at the foot of the lobby waterfall, with the open-air lobby and Marquesa del Mar Presidential Suite high above.*

*\*below: Dramatic Contemporary Mexican architecture in the school of Barragán and Legorreta combines with Santa Fe style, creating an elegant design all its own, seen here in the open-air lobby.*

## Marquis Los Cabos, Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico

**M**arquis Los Cabos Beach, Golf, Spa & Casitas Resort, which opened in April 2003, features 237 suites. The resort subtly combines Contemporary Mexican architecture and traditional Santa Fe style.

The unique open-air lobby features a spectacular arch with an unobstructed view of the Sea of Cortez. The arch, designed by architect Jacobo Micha, honors the trademark Los Cabos rock arch at the tip of Los Cabos. A dramatic 36-foot waterfall winds through the lobby and drops over the pool bar into the main swimming pool below.

An extensive art collection features commissioned works by leading Latin American artists, including Ana Mercedes Hoyos, Jorge Marin, Carlos Rios, Agustin Castro and Fernando Garrido. Every suite features an original oil painting.

### Suites offer uncompromised luxury

All guest suites feature a reversible firm or soft mattress, Bulgari amenities, Frette linens, goose-down comforters, Internet access, hydromassage bathtubs





with ocean views, plus robes and slippers. The Marquis breakfast is delivered daily to each room via a small, latticed alcove adjacent to the guestroom door, and all rooms have large balconies with table and chairs for private dining.

There are 203 Junior Suites, 28 Casitas with private pools, five Marquis Suites on the Club Floor, and one Grand Marquesa del Mar Presidential Suite, which just opened in fall 2003. The luxuriously appointed Junior Suites feature Mexican-style furnishings, original oil paintings and elegant marble bathrooms.

The Club Floor houses five 1,420-square-foot Marquis Suites. Each offers a full living room, bedroom and bathroom. The floor features private pool, club lounge, private check-in area and dedicated concierge.

Each casita sits just steps from the beach and offers living room, bedroom, wet bar, bathroom and private pool. Casita guests have private, in-suite check-in for the ultimate in privacy.

The most exclusive accommodation available at Marquis Los Cabos is the Marquesa del Mar Presidential Suite,



opened in November 2003. The luxurious 2,600-square-foot suite sits over the dramatic central lobby arch, offering unparalleled views of the ocean and beach. The Presidential Suite is a two-bedroom unit with living room, lounge and private pool.

The hotel, although steps from the beach, features exquisite pools. The Presidential Suite, each Casita and each Marquis Suite feature a private swimming pool. The central swimming pool at the foot of the lobby waterfall is 5,165 square feet. Two additional serpentine pools are at the north and south ends of the property and are both well over 10,000 square feet.

*\*top left: Executive Chef **Thierry Dufour** combines French, Mexican and Caribbean cuisines. Canto del Mar is his signature 20-seat restaurant, where Dufour personally prepares each dish.*

*\*above: **The open-air restaurant** on a terrace overlooking the Sea of Cortez is open breakfast and dinner for alfresco dining.*

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*\*left: The outdoor cocktail lounge situated under the main waterfall is open each night, inviting guests to enjoy their favorite drinks.*

*\*bottom: The main pool overlooks the Sea of Cortez, just steps away.*



## Pamper yourself in the luxurious Marquis Los Cabos Spa

The 12,000-square-foot spa, opened in December 2003, is a full-service holistic spa, fitness center, and hair and nail salon located in the main building, with large windows opening up to the blue waters of the Sea of Cortez. The spa features private dressing rooms for men and women, each with three open-air Jacuzzis, sauna, steam bath, and shower facilities. Private massage rooms offer treatments such as facials, body wraps and full-body massages.

## Whatever your adventure you can find it at Marquis Los Cabos

If golf is your passion, Marquis Los Cabos is situated between the Cabo Real and El Dorado golf courses. Both Cabo Real and El Dorado are Jack Nicklaus signature courses, offering 18 holes on an international par 72-class course.

If golf is not your game, you can enjoy activities ranging from deep-sea fishing, scuba, and snorkeling to mountain biking and eco-tours, or simply amble through the colonial village of San Jose del Cabo or the boutiques of Cabo San Lucas shopping for treasures.

## Business travelers need never be out of touch

Marquis Los Cabos offers a multi-lingual concierge staff, a full-service business center and complete convention facilities. The business center features a butler, private concierge and IT services, full-service computer center and office supplies. A boardroom is available for up to eight people.

The resort's 9,200-square-foot convention center can house up to 1,000 attendees. The facility includes automatic projection screens, individual air-condi-



*\*Stay in one of 28 private casitas just steps from the beach. Each features private terrace and pool, living, bedroom and wet bar.*

tioning controls and Internet access. All meeting areas, including ballroom, foyer, terrace, four breakout rooms and theme party showroom, are configurable to the guest's specifications.

**Fine dining offered in three restaurants**

The hotel offers three fine-dining restaurants, each with a distinctive menu and atmosphere. The 20-seat Canto del Mar is an exclusive, elegant restaurant under the direction of French chef Thierry Dufour. Chef Dufour uses the day's catch and personally prepares each meal. There are no printed menus and the restaurant is open only for dinner.

Vista Ballenas offers alfresco dining on a terrace overlooking the Sea of Cortez. Guests can enjoy California and Mexican cuisine for both breakfast and dinner. Dos Mares Restaurant and Bar serves seafood informally by the pool. \*

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