

# AUBERGE RESORTS

## **AUBERGE RESORTS TO MANAGE RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT AND SPA**

*Award-Winning Luxury Hotelier To Operate Famed San Diego-Area Property*

**MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (July 28, 2008)** – Auberge Resorts, developers, owners and operators of award-winning luxury resorts, announced today that it has signed a management agreement to operate Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Under the agreement, Rancho Valencia will be branded an Auberge Resort and join the company's growing portfolio of small luxury properties, which includes Auberge du Soleil in Napa Valley; Esperanza in Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, S.C.; and Encantado, opening in Santa Fe, N.M., in August.

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to manage this iconic resort,” said Mark Harmon, CEO of Auberge Resorts. “The resorts captivating settings, intimate size, a commitment to exceptional food and beverage and outstanding service and amenities.”

Located in the exclusive enclave of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa features luxuriously appointed suites, each with a fireplace and private garden terrace, an extensive tennis program featuring 18 hard courts and a comprehensive instruction program, the award-winning Spa Rancho Valencia and the Villas at Rancho Valencia, a private residence club.

Auberge Resorts' relationship with Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa spans several years. The company provided consulting services and developed the resort's award-winning spa, which opened in 2006.

For more information about Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, please visit [www.ranchovalencia.com](http://www.ranchovalencia.com).

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**About Rancho Valencia**

Set in the idyllic valley of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Rancho Valencia features 49 luxuriously appointed suites, each with a fireplace and private garden terrace, an award-winning tennis program, a spa and playing privileges at three nearby golf courses. The resort is a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection and is the only Relais & Châteaux property in Southern California. Rancho Valencia consistently has been ranked as a favorite North American resort by readers of *Tennis* magazine, who ranked Rancho Valencia the No. 1 Tennis Resort in the U.S., *Wine Spectator*, *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* and *Travel + Leisure*.

**About Auberge Resorts**

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit [www.aubergeresorts.com](http://www.aubergeresorts.com).

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