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**SHANER HOTELS AWARDED MARRIOTT AUTOGRAPH  
COLLECTION LICENSE FOR FRENCH LEAVE RESORT IN  
ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS**

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**High-End Resort Destination Represents First Branded Franchise  
Property on the Island of Eleuthera**

**STATE COLLEGE, PA, JULY 11, 2016** – Shaner Hotel Group, one of the hospitality industry's leading owner-operators of full- and select-service hotels, today announced that it has been awarded a Marriott Autograph Collection license for its French Leave Resort, an exclusive, high-end destination resort on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. The license represents the first branded franchise on the island.

The French Leave Resort is situated on the ocean on six acres as part of the 270-acre preserve of the historic settlement of Governor's Harbour and will feature 20 one- and two-bedroom authentic Bahamian-designed villas. The resort has access to more than a mile of pristine beach on the Atlantic Ocean that connects to the Harbour Village. Among French Leave's many high-end amenities are:

- Pool and Wedding Pavilion Clubhouse
- World-renowned 1648 Bar & Grille restaurant
- Marina Boardwalk and docks for mega yachts
- Beach access and Concierge Service
- In-room iPads
- 24/7 Fitness Center
- Guest golf carts

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Plato Ghinos, President of Shaner Hotels, said French Leave represents a significant hospitality destination catering to guests seeking exclusivity, highly personalized service and a wealth of amenities and activities. “French Leave is a magnificent destination property that provides guests with unmatched beauty and a highly attentive staff. We’re delighted to join Marriott’s Autograph Collection franchise and its reputation for quality, bold originality, rich character and uncommon details.”

Shaner Bahamas, a company founded by Shaner Hotels CEO Lance T. Shaner, owns and manages the resort. “We’re extremely excited about bringing a new level of luxury and personalized service to such an idyllic setting. We’re confident our guests will appreciate and enjoy all that French Leave has to offer,” said Shaner.

The French Leave Resort represents the second Marriott Autograph Collection property for Shaner, which recently announced the acquisition of the historic Hotel Universo in Lucca, Italy. In partnership with Italy’s Marcucci Group, the companies recently began an extensive restoration and renovation program of the 70-room hotel valued at more than seven million euros. The restoration and renovation of the famed hotel is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

Shaner Hotels also is expecting a September 2016 grand opening of its Playa Largo Resort on the historic Key Largo waterfront in Florida in partnership with Prime Hospitality Group, the first new, full-service hotel to be built there in more than 27 years.

### **About Shaner Hotel Group**

Shaner Hotel Group is one of the foremost owner-operator companies in the hospitality industry with more than 50 hotel properties owned and managed across the U.S., Europe and the Bahamas. New properties are constantly evaluated as the Shaner Hotel Group continues a conservative, yet opportunistic approach to growth. Shaner is an approved management company and franchisee of Marriott International, Inc., Hilton Hotels Corporation, Intercontinental Hotels Group and Choice Hotels. For more information about the company and its divisions visit [www.shanercorp.com](http://www.shanercorp.com).

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