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### **Marco Beach Ocean Resort recognized with 15th consecutive AAA Four Diamond Rating**

NAPLES, Fla. (March 31, 2017) – The award-winning Marco Beach Ocean Resort, located along the Gulf of Mexico’s famous white-sand beaches, has earned its 15th consecutive AAA Four Diamond rating. The boutique resort has been recognized with one of the global hospitality industry’s highest honors since 2003.

Known for its stunning Gulf views, intimate environment and personalized service, the 93-suite beachfront boutique resort is among only 5.9 percent of the AAA’s nearly 28,000 approved hotels receiving an AAA Four Diamond rating.

Marco Beach Ocean Resort received the distinction for its upscale physical attributes, extensive amenities, refinement and style, and high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

“Receiving the AAA Four Diamond rating is an honor,” said Jonathan Whitlow, director of guest services at the 93-suite Marco Beach Ocean Resort. “We strive every day to exceed Four Diamond standards to ensure all of our guests enjoy a memorable experience.”

The AAA Diamond-rated designation is among the most well-known and respected distinctions in the global travel industry. It is the only system using full-time professionally trained inspectors to conduct anonymous in-person evaluations to provide AAA’s 56 million members with relevant and accurate information.

Marco Beach Ocean Resort recently completed a comprehensive renovation of its one- and two-bedroom suites. The updated luxury interiors capture the sophisticated essence of the beachfront location with palettes of soft blues and green, warm, washed-wood tones and elegant finishes. Additionally, guest suites were updated with Smart TVs with complimentary internet access.

Each of the 78 one-bedroom and 15 two-bedroom suites offers a kitchenette, spacious living room and private balcony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico or lush garden terraces.

Marco Beach Ocean Resort features a variety of dining options ranging from beachfront casual to authentic Italian cuisine at the elegant, award-winning Sale e Pepe restaurant, which was recognized with its 13th consecutive AAA Four Diamond rating. The resort also offers a spa and fitness center, swimming pool, rooftop garden, and direct access to four miles of the island’s famed sugar-sand beaches. The resort’s location and amenities make it the perfect choice for vacations, destination weddings and executive business meetings.

Overlooking the sparkling blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Marco Beach Ocean Resort was ranked No. 16 on the Travel + Leisure 2013 World’s Best Awards List of Top Resorts in the continental U.S. In 2015, the resort was recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the top 25 resorts in Florida’s Gulf of Mexico and Central regions; was named among the top 400 hotels worldwide by Expedia+ members; and was inducted into the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame.

Developed by the Gulf Bay® Group of Companies, Marco Beach Ocean Resort is located at 480 South Collier Blvd. on Marco Island. Shopping, entertainment and dining are all within walking distance; golf, boating, fishing, kayaking and nature tours are nearby. For additional information or to make reservations, call 239-393-1400 or toll-free at 800-715-8517, or visit [marcoresort.com](http://marcoresort.com).

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