

**AUBERGE DU SOLEIL'S I. WOLK GALLERY  
MERGES WITH MA(i)SONRY**

(NAPA VALLEY, CA; February 10, 2010)—Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley's premier luxury resort, is pleased to announce that its signature sculpture gardens will merge with Ma(i)sonry, the highly acclaimed art, design and wine gallery in Yountville. Previously part of the I. Wolk Gallery, the sculpture gardens will continue to operate under the I. Wolk name and with the same level of professionalism that I. Wolk collectors and artists have become accustomed.

"The I. Wolk Gallery sculpture gardens have been an important and unique aspect of our property since 1998," says Mark Harmon, CEO Auberge Resorts. "While we are of course saddened by the passing of Ira Wolk, we look forward to the new partnership with Ma(i)sonry and to continuing our commitment to offering our guests fine art."

Auberge du Soleil's sculpture garden currently displays 110 works by 65 California sculptors. The pieces feature a variety of media, including bronze, steel, ceramic, stone and wood, and are located throughout the resort's 33 acres. The change in gallery ownership will allow Ma(i)sonry to offer Auberge du Soleil's guests an even greater range of art and design selections, as well as premium communications and services, including access to the gallery's monthly "Gallery Guide" curriculum of events.

A marvel of landscaping and stone masonry, the resort's sculpture garden features pieces that have been thoughtfully situated so they harmoniously coexist with the olive trees. More than 500 tons of fieldstone were fashioned into mortar-less stone walls extending more than 7,000 feet. A stream flows through the center of the grove, creating a pleasant, audible trickle and provides a lush backdrop for the art even during the long, dry Napa summer. An arched redwood bridge enables grove wanderers to cross from one side to the other, making the space ideal for quietly gazing at the artwork, having a picnic or a relaxing walk in the shade.

Ma(i)sonry's proprietor, Michael Polenske, intends to make as few changes as possible to the I. Wolk Galleries, which also have locations in Sonoma and St. Helena, and currently plans to retain the gallery's name, daily operations, and physical spaces. "We are pleased to continue to

offer our guests this unique aspect of our property,” says Harmon. “And, with Ma(i)sonry’s help, we look forward to finding new ways to offer our guests a one-of-a-kind experience.”

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### **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).

Auberge du Soleil is also a member of Relais & Châteaux, the prestigious global hospitality association of intimate, elegant and independently owned hotels and acclaimed restaurants. Founded in 1954 in France, the association is comprised of 480 luxurious establishments in 56 countries.

### **About Ma(i)sonry Napa Valley**

Restored in 2008, this historic 1904 stone building serves as a stylized backdrop for Ma(i)sonry Napa Valley—“a life aesthetic.” As an art, design, and collective wine tasting gallery among an outdoor sculpture garden, Ma(i)sonry offers guests a differentiated lifestyle experience in wine country. Located in Yountville—a world-class culinary, wine, and tourism destination—Ma(i)sonry Napa Valley features a rotating collection of limited-production wines and internationally renowned art and furnishings to appreciate and acquire. Guests are welcome to peruse Ma(i)sonry’s galleries seven days a week, with winter evening appointments until 8pm. [www.maisonry.com](http://www.maisonry.com)

### **About I. Wolk Gallery**

The I. Wolk Gallery has three locations in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. The gallery in St. Helena features a large selection of contemporary paintings, works on paper, and small to medium scale sculpture, with exhibitions rotating monthly. The galleries at the luxury resorts

Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford and MacArthur Place in Sonoma feature over 140 carefully sited medium to large scale sculptures. The I. Wolk Gallery was first established in the Napa Valley in 1990 and is a member of the San Francisco Art Dealers Association. [www.iwolkgallery.com](http://www.iwolkgallery.com)

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