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the lodge at the golden gate

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Fact Sheet

CAVALLO POINT – THE LODGE AT THE GOLDEN GATE

Profile: Cavallo Point is San Francisco's new national park lodge, set within Golden Gate National Parks at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. Opened in the summer of 2008, Cavallo Point Lodge is an enchanting and environmentally sustainable "base camp" where the city's urban edge turns into untamed coastal wildlands. Since opening it has earned much recognition, including *Travel + Leisure Magazine* naming it one of America's top new national landmarks.

Cavallo Point Lodge is infused with the social and environmental ethos of Passport Resorts LLC and joins the revered Post Ranch Inn within the Passport Resorts collection. Cavallo Point Lodge is a member of Preferred Hotels® & Resorts.

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Location: Cavallo Point Lodge is set at the northern end of the Golden Gate Bridge near Sausalito, just five miles from San Francisco and 21 miles from San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Guests arriving via commercial airline will find San Francisco and Oakland International (OAK) airports equally convenient. US Highway 101 provides immediate access to Fort Baker and Cavallo Point Lodge.

The lodge is also situated at the very heart of the Golden Gate National Parks. Forming a spectacular 118-square-mile greenbelt stretching 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, the Golden Gate National Parks encompass more than 30 national park sites, including famous forts, rugged Pacific coastlines, verdant redwood forests and hundreds of miles of spectacular coastline trails. Muir Woods, Alcatraz Island, Marin Headlands, Stinson Beach, and Crissy Field are several of the parks easily accessible from Cavallo Point Lodge.

Accommodations:

Cavallo Point Lodge offers two room categories, crafted with distinctive features that are a century apart in character and style. Built between 1901 and 1915, Cavallo Point Lodge's 68 **Historic** rooms and suites once served as officers' quarters for Army personnel. The landmark historic brick buildings have been exquisitely restored and feature expansive foyers and staircases, authentic tin ceilings with ceiling fans, fireplaces, panoramic windows, and spacious front porches, many with breathtaking views of San Francisco Bay. San Francisco-based Architectural Resources Group is responsible for the restoration's architectural design and direction.

The 74 newly-constructed **Contemporary** rooms and suites are set on higher ground, and most offer spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge and beyond through floor-to-ceiling windows. Built to exacting environmental standards, Cavallo Point Lodge's new rooms feature sustainable design and construction with solar power, radiant heat floors, renewable materials, original artwork, organic bedding and linens, and natural amenities appropriate to the lodge's national park setting. Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects designed Cavallo Point Lodge's new buildings.

All accommodations are furnished with the modern conveniences, including flat-panel televisions, concierge services and Wi-Fi. San Francisco's BraytonHughes Design Studios created Cavallo Point Lodge's distinctive interior design in both the new and historic buildings with the assistance of Passport Resorts and its design team. Original works of art and photography from local, upcoming and well-known artists are featured throughout all rooms and public areas. Pets are invited to join their owners in historic first-floor rooms.

Dining: Cavallo Point Lodge's bayside restaurant and bar provide a stirring new venue for casually elegant dining and drinks. Michelin one-star winner Murray Circle features Bay Area cuisine and showcases the bounty of local and organic farms, ranches and culinary artisans in the San Francisco Bay Area region. Joseph Humphrey serves as executive chef. The restaurant's wine cellar is among the most extensive in California and represents vintners from California and around the world. Farley Bar is a Bay Area gathering spot for fine wine, spirits and conviviality.

Spa: Cavallo Point Lodge offers an 11,000-square-foot Healing Arts Center & Spa with 11 treatment rooms integrating the best cultural healing practices from around the world. An oversized, heated basking pool promises to be a focal point for guests, as well as the Healing Arts Center's Tea Bar, featuring teas, snacks and herbal tonics.

Adventures

& Programs: Personal discovery and growth is encouraged and nurtured via Cavallo Point Lodge's signature lifestyle programs, focusing on three key areas: Creative Arts; Adventure & Well-Being; and Culinary Arts. Superstar chefs, acclaimed artists, and revered wellness practitioners lead small-group, multi-day programs that center on core property attributes as well as local "field trips" on many occasions.

A catalog of upcoming Cavallo Point Lodge programs is available in a printed format as well as online at <http://www.cavallopoint.com/programs.php>. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

In addition, Cavallo Point Lodge serves as the launch home for the Institute at the Golden Gate, an environmental program of the nonprofit Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in partnership with the National Park Service.

Activities: Cavallo Point Lodge's guests enjoy unprecedented access to activities made possible by the vast recreational resources of the Golden Gate National Parks and surrounding region, including but not limited to hiking, biking, birdwatching, kayaking, local farm and vineyard tours, ocean fishing, and sightseeing. The world-class attractions of San Francisco, Marin, Berkeley, and the fabled wine country of Napa and Sonoma are all a short distance away.

Meetings

& Events: Cavallo Point Lodge offers more than 29,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting and event space in a dramatic setting at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge. The property offers historic and high-tech meeting facilities and outdoor event staging areas unlike anything found in Northern California or beyond. Many of Cavallo Point Lodge's meeting spaces are named for local endangered species and offer unique features, including fireplaces and operable windows.

History: Fort Baker is part of the 75,500-acre Golden Gate National Parks. Between 1901 and 1915, the 24 buildings around Fort Baker's 10-acre parade ground took shape and the post remained active through World War II.

In 1973, Fort Baker was listed as a Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. When the Golden Gate National Parks were established in 1972, Fort Baker was designated to be transferred to the National Park Service when no longer needed by the military. In 2002, it was officially transferred from post to park – the last of the 10 military posts that now make up the Golden Gate National Parks.

The name "Cavallo" is part of San Francisco Bay's history, dating from 1775 when a rocky outcropping near the present-day Fort Baker was named "Punta de Caballo" by the commander of one of the first European vessels that sailed into

the bay. Wild horses once lived here, and “caballo” is the Spanish word for “horse.” Early California settlers started using “Cavallo,” as the pronunciation of *b* and *v* in Spanish are very close, and the name gained currency.

“Cavallo Point appeared on the charts of San Francisco Bay of the early 1850s,” reads Erwin Gudde’s well-regarded *California Place Names*. Contemporary mariners recognize the rocky point as “Point Cavallo.”

Partners: Fort Baker Retreat Group LLC (see below)
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
National Park Service

The National Park Service issued a nationwide, competitive Request for Qualifications in October 1999 and invited four “short-listed” firms – including Fort Baker Retreat Group – to respond to a detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the National Park Service in April 2001.

Fort Baker Retreat Group was selected by the National Park Service for exclusive negotiations in May 2002. Fort Baker Retreat Group began construction on Cavallo Point Lodge in the first quarter of 2007.

The establishment of an environmental institute was integral to the revitalization plan for this national park site and historic landmark district, and provided the genesis for the Institute at the Golden Gate.

**Fort Baker
Retreat
Group LLC:**

Fort Baker Retreat Group LLC (FBRG) is the entity responsible for restoring Cavallo Point Lodge and includes Equity Community Builders LLC, Passport Resorts LLC, and Ajax Capital LLC.

Passport Resorts or its affiliated companies manage Cavallo Point Lodge, the award-winning Post Ranch Inn, Sea Ranch Lodge and the Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort.

Equity Community Builders is known for its experience in historic renovation and environmentally responsible development, including historic rehabilitation projects in the Presidio of San Francisco, such as the Thoreau Center for Sustainability and The Bay School, and is managing the development of the David Brower Center in Berkeley, Calif.

Ajax Capital LLC, a major investor in Cavallo Point Lodge, is a private investment company involved in real estate and other innovative projects.

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