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Sun, Sand and Service:

***Big Island, Hawaii Voted Best Abercrombie & Kent Residence Club Home
Los Cabos, Mexico Honored with Best Destination Host***

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – January 19, 2012 - Members of the Abercrombie & Kent Residence Club, have cast their votes in the Annual Member Survey for the Best Home and Destination Host. Once again, based on results from the Annual Survey and comments gathered after each stay, members voted Hale Pu'uhonua on Hawaii's Big Island as the best home and Marco Hernandez, Los Cabos, Mexico as the best Destination Host in 2011, repeat wins for both following their 2009 "Best" designations.

"Our members are busy executives and entrepreneurs who don't have time to plan a vacation and prefer someone else to manage all aspects of the trip from beginning to end," explains Stephanie Papaioannou, Managing Director of the Abercrombie & Kent Residence Club. "We guarantee the quality of the experience by carefully selecting each home and the local staff who provide personalized attention to each member."

One of two A&K Residence Club residences located on Hawaii's Big Island, Hale Pu'uhonua is a spacious four-bedroom island getaway in the Mauna Lani Resort on the Kohala Coast. Part of the prestigious Champion Ridge subdivision, the residence is part of the only residential development in Hawaii designed around an 18-hole putting course. Perfect for large groups of family and friends, it boasts separate entrances to each suite as well as an epicurean kitchen, heated pool, outdoor shower and fully-equipped theater room. Upscale island decor, including thatched ceilings and mahogany trim throughout, sets the mood for a relaxing vacation in one of the Big Island's sunniest and most beautiful areas.

Rating high with Club members is Hale Pu'uhonua's location. Just a short distance from Hapuna Beach State Park (often recognized as one of the best beaches in the U.S.), its setting provides an idyllic sunset view. The "great layout" and "unique feel" of the family-friendly house scored big with members. "It's near perfect - great pool, great kitchen," explained one Club member.

Best Destination Host: Marco Hernandez

The secret to a successful AKRC family holiday lies with the professionally-trained local Destination Hosts. Their expert knowledge of the region's best-kept secrets provide a completely personalized vacation, from arranging chef or childcare services to securing restaurant reservations and tee times – they do whatever it takes to make the members feel at home. It is this dedication that brought back the title of Best Destination

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Host to Marco Hernandez for his outstanding service to members at Villa del Amor in Los Cabos, Mexico. Marco was previously honored in 2009.

Club members were generous with their praise for Marco: “Marco was the best! He was always available and gave us great recommendations. We liked that he met us each day at the house or at our various destinations.” “Marco has been the best Destination Host we have experienced in our 3 years with A&K. His recommendation to take the family to Chileno Bay was outstanding!” “Marco, was 'on game,' always ready to grab groceries and help out with any questions.” “Every day he was at the house asking how he could make our stay even better.” “He is always so friendly and efficient. There when you need him. He has a warm heart, great smile and a wonderful dedication to service.”

Members of the Abercrombie & Kent Residence Club enjoy access to a portfolio of multi-million-dollar residences in the finest beach, mountain and golf destinations worldwide, for significantly less than the cost of comparable hotel suites. In addition, members can exchange nights for credit toward Abercrombie & Kent travel anywhere in the world – a safari in Africa, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro or a family adventure cruise in the Galapagos – and take advantage of preferred rates available exclusively to Club members. Members may also trade nights towards reservations at a collection of A&K European villas in Tuscany, Provence, the Amalfi Coast or Cote d’Azur.

An exchange opportunity with the Ritz-Carlton Destination Club[®] makes it possible for A&K Residence Club members to convert their nights for use at ten Ritz-Carlton Destination Club locations.

More information on the benefits of membership is available at: www.akresidenceclub.com.

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