



## **Starbucks Arrives in Aruba**

*Entry into the Dutch Caribbean Supports the Company's International Growth Strategy*

**ORANJESTAD, ARUBA, Dec. 1, 2009** – Starbucks Coffee International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Starbucks Coffee Company (Nasdaq: SBUX) and the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, a wholly owned subsidiary of Metacorp NV, today celebrated the opening of its first store in Oranjestad, Aruba at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. This Starbucks store, operated by Metacorp and its partners as a licensed store, is located at the Renaissance Marketplace and opened on Saturday, Nov. 28.

With this store opening, customers and partners (employees) will now be a part of the *Starbucks Experience* that provides daily inspiration through human connection, innovative products and services, and a comfortable atmosphere. This experience will extend beyond Starbucks stores, into the communities in which it operates.

The Renaissance Marketplace at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is lined with boutique retail and specialty shops, cafés, restaurants and entertainment options. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to midnight, the Renaissance Marketplace is the perfect place to pick up everything from a quick bite to eat to a pair of designer sunglasses – and now, the perfect cup of coffee.

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### **About Starbucks Coffee Company**

Since 1971, Starbucks Coffee Company has been committed to ethically sourcing and roasting the highest quality *arabica* coffee in the world. Today, with stores around the globe, the company is the premier roaster and retailer of specialty coffee in the world. Through our unwavering commitment to excellence and our guiding principles, we bring the unique *Starbucks Experience* to life for every customer through every cup. To share in the experience, please visit us in our stores or online at [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com).

### **About MetaCorp**

MetaCorp NV is an Aruba-based holding company since 1920, which has been active on Aruba in almost all fields of expertise, owning two Renaissance hotels, two Casinos, two Shopping Centers, a Convention Center, a Marina, a Theatre, a Cinema and a Private Island. As a holding it boasts an array of other different companies that are related to or owned by MetaCorp including Balashi Beer, a Coca-Cola factory, ICS Intermodal Container Services, ECOTECH Waste Management and ATCO Container Hauling. For more information on Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, please visit [renaissancearuba.com](http://renaissancearuba.com).