



# ESTRELLA DEL MAR

*Golf and Beach Resort  
Mazatlan*

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**J. Patrick Butler, Owner and Managing  
Partner of  
Denver-based Club Acquisition Company  
Receives  
2006 Ejecutivo Distinguido Award**

*Butler's numerous community contributions in San  
Felipe, Mexico earn him the honor of 2006  
Distinguished Executive*

May 17, 2006, Denver, Colo., ... J. Patrick Butler, owner and managing partner of Denver-based Club Acquisition Company (CAC) recently received the 2006 Ejecutivo Distinguido (Distinguished Executive) Award for his contributions to the community of San Felipe, Mexico; home to one of his two Mexico developments, El Dorado Ranch.

The award, which is given to one person each year is an incredible honor for the recipient. Presented by the Asociación de Ejecutivos de Ventas y Mercadotecnia de Mexicali, A.C. (Association of Sales and Marketing Executives of Mexicali, C.A.), the 2006 Ejecutivo

Distinguido honor is awarded based upon community involvement and support of the economic development of San Felipe, part of the municipality of Mexicali. In the association's 47-year history, it is only the third time the award has been given to a foreign (non-Mexican) business person.

"I am incredibly honored to receive the 2006 Ejecutivo Distinguido award," said Butler. "The community of San Felipe is like a family to me and this award is truly an honor."

Butler participates in a number of corporate activities in both the United States and in Mexico and is an ardent supporter of the community of San Felipe. His El Dorado Ranch development, along with his other businesses in San Felipe including a hotel and both the Thrifty Car Rental and Century 21 franchises have provided more than 500 jobs, support for local education, sports and ecology. Additionally, Butler has established a sales office in Mexicali, exclusively for the national market and the Hispanic market in the United States.

Butler and El Dorado Ranch continue to contribute to the economy of San Felipe and Mexicali through numerous educational scholarships and grants, as well as a charity celebrity golf tournament benefiting the San Felipe de Jesus School. He is actively involved in local recreational sports and has led efforts to build new facilities while also supporting local baseball, softball and American football teams.

Preserving the local ecosystem is one of the missions of El Dorado Ranch. Efforts to be ecologically responsible include preservation of fresh water supply throughout El Dorado Ranch, using high salinity water to irrigate the

paspalum grass golf course, relocating existing plants and flora and maintaining a safe habitat for local, indigenous animals.

Butler is also a 50 percent owner and managing partner of the Estrella del Mar Golf and Beach Resort in Mazatlan, Mexico. Situated on 3.5 miles of pristine beaches, the property, when completed, will feature 1,200 home lots, 715 condominiums, a branded 240-room hotel, spa, tennis center an equestrian center and stables. Currently the resort is home to the 70-room Las Villas boutique hotel, Lagunita Condominiums and LaJolla Patio Homes community, an 18-hole Robert Trent Jones Jr designed golf course and Sea Turtle Sanctuary.

*Club Acquisition Company (CAC) is a 12-year-old resort and second home development company committed to its strong and expanding corporate presence in the region. A leading residential and resort development and management company, CAC's holdings are located in Mexico and Colorado.*

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