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Westin Galleria Launches Expansive Transformation

- Project Set for Spring 2008 Completion -

DALLAS, TX (May 7, 2007) — Westin Galleria Dallas, part of the Starwood Hotel and Resorts Worldwide, Inc. family, has announced its plans for a complete renovation to incorporate a more modern, sophisticated and luxurious design for its guests. The transformation leaves no area untouched and includes the redesign and expansion of all of 432 guestrooms.

The hotel, known for offering business and leisure travelers a total renewal experience, will look to become the premier first-tier destination in North Dallas. “Our guests come seeking a retreat from the rigors of travel, and the time is right for us to enhance the Westin experience,” said John Everett, general manager of the Westin Galleria Dallas. “For more than 20 years, our goal has been to provide our guests with everything they need to feel relaxed and rejuvenated. This transformation will ensure that our reputation for modern luxury and relaxation continues to resonate with guests seeking the ultimate experience.”

Westin Galleria Dallas, centrally located at IH-635 and Dallas North Tollway, began renovations in January with a completion date slated for Spring 2008. The enhancements are designed by Steinberg Architects and will be completed by the VCC Construction Company in phases to allow the hotel to remain open without interruptions of guest services. BKG Service Corporation is managing procurement.

All guestrooms will be expanded to include the hotel’s popular Heavenly Beds, while select rooms will feature Westin’s signature walk-in Heavenly Showers. New noise-resistant and energy-efficient glass windows will be installed, and artwork created by Texas artist James H. Evans will adorn the guestrooms.

Additionally, guestrooms will cater to the business traveler by featuring an oversized work desk, two-line cordless telephone with data port, high-speed wired and wireless Internet access, in-room refreshment center featuring the new Westin WakeCup coffee brewer and complimentary Starbucks coffee.

“The Westin has been a cornerstone partner for Galleria Dallas, and in a sense, is one of the center’s ‘anchors,’” said Peggy Weaver, Galleria Dallas general manager. “Dallas/Ft. Worth is the number one tourist destination in Texas, and the Westin Galleria transformation will draw even more guests to the North Dallas area. Without question, the enhancements to the Westin will solidify Galleria Dallas’ reputation as the most dynamic shopping environment in North Texas.”

Currently, the lobby and floors 15-19, which include the Westin executive lounge are undergoing renovation. Plans also include the transformation of the 21st floor into sky suites and patio rooms, and the new executive lounge. Westin also will introduce Westin signature in-room spa treatments that will cater to guests’ rejuvenation and well-being. An expanded Westin WORKOUT powered by Reebok is also being added to further enhance the guest experience and support the Westin renewal philosophy of delivering a complete sensory experience of rejuvenation and tranquility.

“The Dallas hospitality industry is ripe for competition,” said Everett. “Nationally, Dallas is the third highest market in terms of room demand and had the fourth highest increase in the nation regarding revenue per available room in 2006. The upgrades we’re making will allow us to draw more people to our hotel. We are committed to offering the best possible service to our guests, and this renovation will give us tools to exceed that goal.”

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