

THE WESTIN
DIPLOMAT
RESORT & SPA
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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**THE WESTIN DIPLOMAT RESORT & SPA APPOINTS
NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

HOLLYWOOD, FL (October 13, 2012) Ed Walls joins The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa as general manager. A proven leader with almost 30 years experience as a general manager, Walls' Starwood Hotels & Resorts journey began in 1996 as transition general manager, where he opened new hotels for Starwood.

He later moved into an area managing director role, and then general manager roles in Atlanta, GA. His most recent position has been leading the team at the Westin Peachtree Plaza, one of Westin's most recognized hotels. He is a proud graduate of the University of Florida.

"Ed has proven himself to be a true leader in all of his previous roles during his 15-year tenure with the Starwood family," says Starwood Hotels & Resorts' Area Managing Director for South Florida and the Caribbean Mark Kukulski, "We congratulate him and look forward to his continued success and achievements."

About The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa:

The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa is conveniently located on the beach between Fort Lauderdale and the international hub of Miami. With 998 rejuvenating guest rooms, The Diplomat offers an array of amenities including several cuisine options from an award-winning seafood steakhouse to 24-hour in-room dining. Sixty additional guest rooms, an 18-hole golf course managed by Troon Golf[®], a 10-clay court tennis center and a full-service spa can be experienced at the golf location. At the beach location, the adjacent convention center provides over 200,000 square feet of flexible meeting and catering space including four ballrooms, a 50,000 square foot unobstructed Great Hall and 39 individual meeting rooms. Dining choices include Hollywood Prime seafood and steakhouse and waterfront dining at The Diplomat Landing's two restaurants, AiZiA and Rivals Waterfront Sports Grille. For further information, contact The Westin Diplomat sales office at 954-602-8317 or visit on line at www.DiplomatResort.com.

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