

Construction of Wyndham Resort Begins at Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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Wyndham Hotels and Resorts today announced that construction of its 400-room luxury resort in the Bonnet Creek Resort complex adjacent to Walt Disney World(R) at Lake Buena Vista, Fla., which began this month, is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2010.

The Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel and Spa at Bonnet Creek - the first mixed-used development undertaken by parent company Wyndham Worldwide - will be managed by Wyndham Hotel Management Inc.

The Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel and Spa at Bonnet Creek Resort will complement Wyndham Vacation Ownership's adjacent Wyndham Bonnet Creek Resort, the company's flagship timeshare facility in Orlando. The popularity of this resort has prompted multiple expansions on the 70-acre site area.



It is anticipated the complex ultimately will total 1,594 vacation ownership units, the most at any Wyndham Vacation Ownership location.

'This hotel project represents a major accomplishment in our strategic plan to grow the upscale Wyndham brand and leverage the strength of our parent company's hotel and vacation ownership components,' said Peter Strebel, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts president. 'The resort will be an incredible asset in a great location with a host of thoughtful amenities and conveniences that families and groups will appreciate.'

The hotel's Spanish Mediterranean architecture, designed by HHCP Architects of Maitland, Fla., will be reminiscent of the historic Flagler-era resorts of St. Augustine. The design calls for a 7,000-square-foot Wyndham Blue Harmony (TM) spa and fitness center, 20,000 square feet of flexible meeting and conference space including an 8,000-square-foot main ballroom designed for groups up to 600, a full-service specialty restaurant, three-meal, open-kitchen display restaurant, pool bar and grill, lobby bar, and the Wyndham brand's new combination café, barista and food mart, named 'Eat. Refresh. Live.'

The resort also will feature a child-friendly, 'zero-entry' swimming pool that allows swimmers to enter gradually deepening water without the use of steps or ladders, shade cabanas equipped with televisions, ceiling fans, refrigerators and plush furnishings, whirlpool spas, arcade, and recreation room. Shuttle bus service will take guests to Walt Disney World(R) theme parks, and golf will be offered at an 18-hole course designed by Rees Jones Inc. now under development at the Bonnet Creek Resort complex.

The hotel's room mix aims to fulfill the expectations of vacationing families, business groups and incentive travelers. All rooms will offer high-speed Internet service, 32-inch, LCD televisions, refrigerators, coffeemakers, and tables for dining, games or work. Twenty percent of the property's inventory will be devoted to Be Together Suites, oversized rooms designed to sleep a family of six comfortably with a king-size bed, bunk-bed alcove with game station and sofa bed.

The hotel's interior will be designed by the hospitality division of Baskervill Hochheiser Ross of Richmond, Va. General contractor is Maitland-based WELBRO Building Corporation. EDSA Landscape Architects of Orlando will design the hotel grounds.

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, a subsidiary of Wyndham Worldwide Corporation (NYSE: WYN), offers upscale hotel and resort accommodations throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Mexico and the Caribbean. All hotels are either franchised or managed by Wyndham Hotels and Resorts or an affiliate. Additional information is available at www.wyndhamworldwide.com.

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