

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: HOT) announces the opening of The Westin Mount Laurel, a sophisticated, new-build hotel in southern New Jersey, just outside downtown Philadelphia
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Owned by Fellowship Hotel Associates and managed by Wurzak Hotel Group, The Westin Mount Laurel inspires personal renewal with the help of the Westin brand's signature amenities, upscale dining and instinctive service.

The Westin Mount Laurel is ideally situated just six miles from Center City Philadelphia and 20 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport. Close to Philadelphia's historic district and business community, the new hotel also offers easy access to the Philadelphia Sports Complex, Susquehanna Bank Center, Sesame Place and The University of Pennsylvania. Also nearby are several premium golf courses, Atlantic City and some of New Jersey's finest beaches. The offices of Mobil Oil, IBM and Eli Lilly are all within one mile.

'The Westin Mount Laurel promises to invigorate Southern New Jersey's hotel market with its signature blend of sophistication and rejuvenation,' said Sue Brush, Senior Vice President, Westin Hotels & Resorts. 'We invite visitors to indulge in the sensory-rich Westin experience, designed to send guests home feeling even better than when they arrived.'

The hotel's 180 guest rooms, including 10 junior suites all feature the iconic Westin Heavenly Bed(R), a luxurious ensemble including a cozy down blanket and five sumptuous pillows. In-room, high-speed Internet access, dual line cordless telephones and an ergonomic work space will offer business travelers convenience and productivity in an ultra-comfortable setting.

'We are delighted to work with Starwood Hotels & Resorts to introduce the highly regarded Westin brand to this dynamic community in Southern New Jersey,' said Howard Wurzak, President of Wurzak Hotel Group. 'The Westin brand's emphasis on renewal and relaxation combined with the hotel's sophisticated décor and refreshing amenities will appeal to both business travelers and vacationers to the area.'

Perfect for hosting a meeting, wedding or social event of the season, The Westin Mount Laurel offers more than 20,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate any event from intimate gatherings of 10 people to large-scale functions for up to 1,000 participants.

The Westin Mount Laurel offers a unique dining experience in its full service restaurant, Bellagio Ristorante with a sophisticated, contemporary setting. This Tuscan Steakhouse also offers a private dining room with seating up to 20 people.

In the evening, the hotel lobby transforms into a gathering spot, complete with local delicacies and activities ranging from wine tastings to massage clinics as part of Unwind(R) - a Westin Evening Ritual. Additional amenities include an indoor heated pool, 24-hour business center, Starbucks Coffee outlet in the lobby, the Westin WORKOUT(R) gym, valet parking and Bar 555, the contemporary bar and lounge, located just off the lobby.

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