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The Westin Houston, Memorial City Appoints Energetic Group Sales Director

HOUSTON, May 30, 2008 — The Westin Houston, Memorial City today announced an addition to its west Houston hotel complex sales team with the appointment of Heidi Gwinn as director of group sales for the Westin Houston, Memorial City, which is set to open in the fall of 2009.

In her new role, Gwinn is responsible for the booking of conferences and conventions as well as leadership of the group sales team for the upcoming Westin Memorial City. Gwinn joins Starwood after serving more than 12 years with the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel in Houston in a variety of sales roles. Most recently she experienced great success as an associate director of sales where she was responsible for multi-million dollar accounts and consistently helped surpass revenue goals. Gwinn gained many accolades during her tenure with Wyndham, including being recognized as a Manager of the Quarter and ranked as one of the top three producers for group bookings.

Gwinn will also support the group sales effort for Starwood's two other west Houston hotels – the recently opened Four Points Houston, Memorial City and the Sheraton Houston West, which is set to open in the fall of 2008. She will report directly to Lisa Armstrong, the director of sales and marketing for all three Starwood brand hotels.

“Heidi’s prior success and knowledge of the Houston meeting and convention market made her a natural pick for leading our group sales effort for Westin Memorial City,” said Armstrong. “We expect she will also serve as a great mentor for our sales team and will transfer her knowledge to a staff that will help make Starwood’s venture into west Houston a successful one.”

Excited about her new career with Westin Memorial City, Gwinn said, “The area’s explosive business development and growth make the addition of our three hotels not just a nice addition, but essential. I’m delighted to be part of Starwood’s rejuvenation of the west Houston hospitality market.”

Gwinn earned a Bachelor of Arts in marketing the University of Houston in 1994, and is a member of the Texas Business Travel Association and Meeting Planners International.

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