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Waldorf Astoria Orlando Debuts on Prestigious Readers Choice Awards Surveys in Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure

ORLANDO, Fla. – (November, 2011) – Waldorf Astoria Orlando has been named one of the top hotels in the United States and Canada by the discerning readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines.

The resort hotel, located inside the gates of Walt Disney World Resort® in the Bonnet Creek Resort area, opened in October 2009.

Waldorf Astoria Orlando was ranked number 12 in the large-city hotels (with more than 100 rooms) list in *Travel + Leisure's* 16th annual **World's Best Awards**. It was the only Orlando hotel to make the prestigious list, which includes famed United States and Canada luxury hotels in New York, Chicago, Vancouver, San Francisco and others. *Travel + Leisure* readers evaluated rooms, facilities, location, service, restaurants, food and value.

In the November "Top 100 Best in the World" issue of **Condé Nast Traveler**, Waldorf Astoria Orlando tied for number 17 in the list of top hotels in the United States. The magazine counted more than eight million reader votes for the results. For its range and depth, *Condé Nast* readers' choice awards are a "unique and trusted source of advice globally," according to the magazine. Waldorf Astoria Orlando was the only Florida hotel listed in the top 100.

The hotel's neighbor in Bonnet Creek Resort, *Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek*, also debuted on the **Condé Nast Traveler** prestigious list of top United States resorts, in the top 200.

"We are thrilled to debut so high on both the **Travel + Leisure** and **Condé Nast lists**," said Peter Kacheris, managing director. "It was always our goal to redefine the luxury hotel experience in Orlando since opening just two years ago. Our team has risen to the challenge, and we thank these frequent travelers for taking note."

This summer, Waldorf Astoria Orlando was also named a 2011 Best Hotel in the USA by *US News & World Report*.

Waldorf Astoria Orlando has put the destination on the map for luxury travelers. Nestled in a nature preserve and conveniently accessed from within the gates of Walt Disney World, the resort is a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of neighboring theme parks. Cara Goldsberry, author of *Luxury Guide to Disney World*, calls it "stunningly impressive.... Waldorf Astoria has redefined local luxury in Orlando."

The hotel is part of a unique resort complex that also features the top-rated Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and Waldorf Astoria Golf Club, the championship golf course, artfully designed by Rees Jones, which has been named one of the most "playable" courses in the crowded Florida market.

Waldorf Astoria Orlando infuses timeless Jazz Age-elegance from The Waldorf=Astoria in New York City, with the vibrant and modern ambiance of Florida. It features 498 guest rooms and suites with sweeping vistas of Walt Disney World and the Bonnet Creek nature preserve. The resort's 171 stunning suites have been called "the best rooms in all of Central Florida."

Golf Channel travel writer Brandon Tucker called the resort "an exclusive playground for the adult-minded traveler." It includes re-imagined versions of famed New York City restaurants include Bull & Bear, Peacock Alley, and Oscar's. Bull & Bear, the hotel's signature restaurant, was named Best Fine Dining two years in a row by *Orlando Home & Leisure* magazine in its elusive Silver Spoon Awards issue. The hotel's award-winning

spa, which has been profiled in 2011 in both *American Spa* and *Spa* magazines, offers treatments from Guerlain, the legendary Parisian fragrance house.

To make a reservation, please visit www.waldorfastoriaorlando.com, or call 888-353-2009.

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