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**The Westin New York at Times Square
Names Sean Verney General Manager**

**Verney Brings Exceptional Leadership, An Extensive Starwood Background
And New York City Experience To Hotel In The Heart Of It All**

New York, NY – November 21, 2013 – Starwood Hotels & Resorts announced the appointment of Sean Verney as General Manager of The Westin New York at Times Square, an 873-room luxury hotel in the heart of Manhattan's famed Times Square. Verney, who has an extensive hospitality and business development background, was previously the General Manager of the Sheraton Parsippany.

A longtime Starwood executive, Verney has spent most of his career with the company in New York City. Prior to his most recent GM post in New Jersey, Verney worked with Starwood in Manhattan spanning a variety of positions at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers and the Sheraton Manhattan. The diversity of operations experience contributes to the wealth of knowledge and depth of Verney's rich hospitality expertise.

In his new role, Verney will oversee hotel operations for what was the very first Westin in New York City when it opened in 2002. In addition, he will oversee an exciting lobby and guest room redesign project and completion of the hotel's newly decorated meeting and pre-function space.

"Sean's tenure within the Starwood family coupled with his tremendous New York City experience will certainly be a great addition to our executive team here at The Westin New York at Times Square," said Vera Manoukian, Area Managing Director for Starwood Hotels and Resorts.

Robert Snyder, President, Tishman Hotel Corporation, said, "This property is an important part of our hotel portfolio and the Westin brand. With a leader like Sean at the helm, we know that this iconic Times Square hotel will continue to excel and deliver exceptional guest experiences."

Verney participated in a number of trainings with Starwood Hotels and Resorts, including Six Sigma Green Belt, Certified Trainer, Certified Interviewer, and was honored with the recognition of Manhattan Manager of the Year at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers. He also proudly served in the United States Marine Corps.

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About The Westin New York at Times Square

A distinguished AAA Four Diamond ranked hotel, The Westin New York at Times Square stands at the crossroads of the world and is located at 270 W. 43rd Street amid the brilliance of Broadway. The hotel is within walking distance to over 40 theatres and many famous New York City attractions. All 873 Westin New York at Times Square hotel rooms and suites feature the luxurious Westin Heavenly Bed® and Heavenly Bathsm, and offer incredible views of the city skyline and the Hudson River. The hotel features New York City's first Shula's Steak House, Bar 10 lounge, and is interconnected to a 200,000 square-foot entertainment and retail complex featuring movie theaters, restaurants, and shopping. The Westin New York at Times Square was named one of America's Top 10 Healthiest Hotels by Health magazine and is a certified member of the Green Hotels Association.