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Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin breaks ground on 120,000-square-foot event space expansion



Executives from Tishman, MetLife, Marriott International and Walt Disney World Resort came together for the groundbreaking of the latest expansion to the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin. Pictured from the left, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Area General Manager Sean Verney, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Director of Sales and Marketing Jim Curtis, Tishman Realty & Construction Principal and CEO John Vickers, Tishman Realty & Construction Principal and Chairman Dan Tishman, Mickey Mouse, The Walt Disney Company Executive Vice President of Global Development Andy Hopkins, MetLife Director of Investments Scott Hochman and Marriott International Area Vice President Mark Gaber.

(credit: Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin)

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Nov. 18, 2024 – The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin has broken ground on its latest expansion, an addition of 120,000 square feet of event space to its current meeting and convention floorplan. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were executives from hotel owners Tishman Realty and MetLife as well as Marriott International and Walt Disney World Resort.

In the first major expansion of the Walt Disney World Dolphin's meeting space since 2003, a new two-story annex will be added to the hotel's existing convention space, carrying the

property's original Michael Graves design as inspiration. The space will offer ample natural light as well as a modern flair, featuring water themes alongside warm, wooden touches.

The expansion will bring the triplex's total meeting space to 469,000 square feet between its three buildings, the Swan, Dolphin and Swan Reserve to go with its 2,619 guest rooms making it one of the largest convention properties on the East Coast. It is one part of an overall \$275 million project that will also upgrade the meeting space in the Swan and Dolphin as well as all the guest rooms in the Swan. The new convention space is expected to be completed in 2026.

About the *Walt Disney World* Swan and Dolphin

The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin is a nationally respected and recognized leader in the convention hotel arena. Ideally located at Walt Disney World Resort, the three-hotel complex offers 2,619 guest rooms and over 349,000 square feet of indoor event space, and a variety of scenic and functional outdoor event spaces including a private beach, lake side terrace and causeway with views of EPCOT. Features consist of 99 meeting rooms, including two executive boardrooms, 6 ballroom options, 110,500 square feet of contiguous convention/exhibit space, outdoor function areas, three business centers and complimentary transportation to select locations within the Walt Disney World Resort. Groups also enjoy sophisticated guest rooms, the luxurious Mandara Spa and 23 world-class restaurants and lounges. The newest addition, the 14-story Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, offers an upscale and boutique atmosphere. It features 149 executive meeting suites, two presidential suites and a top-floor event space, The Vue, offering spectacular views of Walt Disney World Resort including multiple fireworks shows. For more information, please visit www.swandolphinmeetings.com.

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