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**FEMALE HOTELIER NAMED TO HEAD FOUR DIAMOND HOTEL
IN DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER**

Marion Harper-Treskin takes the helm at The Westin Grand in Vancouver as General Manager

VANCOUVER, BC, July 15, 2005 – Marion Harper Treskin, a 20-year hotel veteran, was named general manager today of the 207 all-suite Westin Grand in Vancouver, a boutique property on Robson Street managed by OHR Grand Management, Ltd., a division of O’Neill Hotels & Resorts Ltd.

Harper Treskin has held management positions within the hospitality industry since 1985 with Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts, Delta Hotels & Resorts and for the past decade with O’Neill Hotels and Resorts, which is also the management company for the award-winning Westin Resort & Spa in Whistler. Prior to assuming the position of general manager, Harper Treskin was the Director of Sales & Marketing for The Westin Grand, which opened in ’99 and has been an AAA four-diamond rated property since its opening. (Harper Treskin is currently the only woman managing a four-diamond hotel in downtown Vancouver.) In 2004, she was the Regional Director of Sales & Marketing for both The Westin Grand and The Westin Resort & Spa, and during that year was named ‘Sales Leader of the Year’ by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.

“We are thrilled to have Marion take the helm at the Westin Grand. She is a result-driven hotelier with a demonstrated track record in driving sales, profits and guest satisfaction,” said John O’Neill, president of O’Neill Hotels & Resorts Ltd. “With her strong leadership skills and Westin experience, Marion will continue to position this property as one of the premier boutique hotels in Vancouver where hotel and dining guests in our Aria Restaurant experience extraordinary service levels.”

Harper Treskin’s experience includes a number of hotel openings, of which one was The Westin Resort & Spa in Whistler in 2000. At this property she held various operational roles overseeing the rooms division, food and beverage, revenue management, sales, conference services and engineering. During her tenure The Westin Resort & Spa was named the #1 ski resort hotel in North America by *Condé Nast Traveler* in its first year of operation and again in 2002. She was directly responsible for the hotel’s achievement of annual score of 90% for guest satisfaction in addition to repeatedly achieving a 90+ score in the Lashner Rush Quality Assurance, which is the audit required to maintain the Westin flag.

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The Westin Grand, located on Robson Street between Homer and Richard Streets opened on April 1, 1999 and is one of the celebrated brands of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. The Westin Grand has also been rated as an AAA Four Diamond property for the sixth consecutive year.



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