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**Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort announces
\$12 million transformation of Dolphin Resort lobby**

Renovated lobby marks final stage of \$140 million, multi-phase resort renovation



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Lake Buena Vista, Fla. – Nov. 29, 2016 – The [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort's](#) Dolphin lobby will undergo a \$12 million re-design as the final stage of the largest makeover in the resort's history. When finished in the fall of 2017, the new lobby will be completely transformed into a sleek contemporary space-and feature new dining and beverage options.

The lobby re-design is the final stage of a total \$140 million project which also includes the transformation of all 2,267 guest rooms, along with upgrades to the hotel's meeting space.

"This lobby will mark the final piece of an exciting transformation for the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort," said General Manager Fred Sawyers. "This space is designed specifically to cater to today's guests and offer an inviting place where they can come together to relax, network, and grab something to eat or drink."

Renowned Manhattan design firm ICRAVE, designers of projects including Westin New York at Times Square, W Atlanta and STK restaurants, created the concept for the new lobby space, drawing on inspiration from the lobby's iconic Dolphin fountain.

The centerpiece of the new lobby will be a dazzling custom crystal chandelier which will sparkle above the fountain and use the latest in color-changing lighting technology.

Other new features will include a new geometric ceiling, increased lighting, all new contemporary décor and furnishings and more than double the amount of seating.

Two new food and beverage options will be incorporated into the lobby, including a bar and lounge space seating up to 150.

A new quick service café and market offering coffee, sandwiches and snacks will provide guests a convenient way to energize during their day, whether it be filled with business meetings or exploring the theme parks.

The Dolphin Resort lobby will remain open throughout the renovation with minimal impact to resort guests. The project is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2017 for completion by fall 2017.

About the *Walt Disney World* Swan and Dolphin Resort

In the heart of the *Walt Disney World* Resort, the award-winning *Walt Disney World* Swan and Dolphin Resort resides amongst the greatest theme parks and attractions in Central Florida. The resort is located between *Epcot* and *Disney's Hollywood Studios*, and nearby *Disney's Animal Kingdom* Theme Park and *Magic Kingdom* Park. Guests can discover 17 world-class restaurants and lounges, sophisticated guest rooms with Westin Heavenly Beds and the luxurious Mandara Spa. The resort features five pools, two health clubs, tennis, nearby golf, complimentary transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World* Resort, the extended park hours benefit, where each day, one of the four *Walt Disney World* Theme Parks is open extra time for guests to enjoy select attractions (Valid Theme Park admission and Resort ID required) and Disney *FastPass+* service, where guests can reserve up to 3 select theme park experiences up to 60 days in advance of their visit. The resort can be reached at [800-227-1500](tel:800-227-1500), www.swandolphin.com or through Facebook at www.facebook.com/swananddolphin.

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