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## **Westin Annapolis Completes \$2.1 Million Renovation to Upgrade Meeting Space**

### ***Adds 2,000 Square Feet of New Meeting Space***

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 11, 2009—Officials of the 225-room Westin Annapolis in Maryland today announced the property has completed a \$2.1 million renovation to convert existing employee offices into 2,000 square feet of new meeting space. The hotel is managed by Davidson Hotel Company, one of the nation's largest independent hotel management companies.

“The Annapolis market has a high demand for meeting space, particularly from the large legal community and local pharmaceutical companies,” said Patrick F. Lupsha, Davidson's chief operating officer. “This led us to reassess our property mix of space and create our new, state-of-the-art suite of meeting rooms. By relocating our hotel offices within our mixed-use development complex, we were able to create a viable new source of revenue”.

Leading Edge Design and Systems, a prime supplier of critical systems and technology, engineered and installed state-of-the-art, multi-room video conferencing, training and entertainment capabilities in the hotel. The Congress Board Room received a large screen, high resolution LCD monitor capable of displaying images from multiple-source inputs, which allows

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for advanced video presentations. Additionally, the room was outfitted with a 12-station computer/video with audio interface incorporated into the conference room table. The adjacent Constitution Board Room was equipped with the same large-screen LCD display and offers state-of-the-art video teleconferencing technologies. A third, dividable room can be combined with one or both of the others through the distributed audio system for entertainment purposes.

Additional upgrades, by room, include:

- Congress Board Room
  - Multiple in-ceiling microphones
  - Distributed audio speakers
  - 65" LCD HDTV display
  - In-table audio/video/network interface
  - In-wall Crestron keypad for room control
  - Polycom multi-point video conferencing system
  - 12 table-mounted computer-video interfaces with audio
  - Crestron wireless touch panel for remote control
- Constitution Board Room
  - Multiple in-ceiling microphones
  - Distributed audio speakers
  - 65" LCD HDTV display
  - In-wall Crestron keypads for control
- Caucus I and II
  - Distributed audio speakers
  - In-wall Crestron keypad for control
  - Mic jack

Also, both board rooms were equipped with Krug Virtu Series Conference Tables, featuring Herman Miller Aeron Chairs, a credenza with a mini-refrigerator, framed abstract paintings and custom framed mirror. The pre-function area was given designer drapery from Switzerland with a geometric design and pinch pleats, as well as blue full-grain, aniline-dyed

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leather benches with a woven leather-embossed pattern and designer brown and blue-grape carpet with a geometric design.

Located at 100 Westgate Circle, the hotel is one of the newest additions to the Maryland state capital's European-inspired mixed-use community in Annapolis. Centrally situated in the city, The Westin Annapolis Hotel is moments away from such local attractions as the US Naval Academy, the Maryland state capitol building, shopping on the waterfront cobblestone Main Street and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Guest rooms include Starwood's Heavenly Bed® and Heavenly Bath®, ergonomic desk chairs, flat-panel high definition televisions, wireless high speed Internet access, an in-room safe large enough to accommodate a laptop computer, and 24-hour room service. Heavenly Cribs® and Heavenly Dog Beds® also are available upon request. Hotel amenities include the WestinWORKOUT® Gym, heated indoor pool, and access to the Varuna Spa by Aveda. In addition to Replenish, a lobby level Starbucks®, dining options include the upscale Azure Restaurant and Lounge and Morton's Steakhouse®.

### **About Davidson Hotel Company**

Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., Davidson Hotel Company is an award-winning, full-service hotel owner and third-party management company that provides management, development/renovation, acquisition, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. The company currently owns and/or manages 36 upscale, independent and branded hotels with nearly 10,200 rooms across the United States, including such affiliations as Westin, Sheraton, Hyatt, Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Embassy Suites, Doubletree, Marriott, Renaissance, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn. Additional information on Davidson may be found at the company's Web site, [www.davidsonhotels.com](http://www.davidsonhotels.com).