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**Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Names New Area General Manager**



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**Lake Buena Vista, Fla. – Aug. 13, 2020** – The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort has named Sean Verney area general manager for the iconic property located in the heart of Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

With a more than 35-year career in the hospitality industry started during his youth in his family's upstate New York restaurant, Verney is a highly experienced executive who prides himself on leading diverse teams of professionals to new levels of success. He will oversee all aspects of the 2,270-room resort with 333,000 square feet of meeting space and all cast members. He will also be responsible for managing the resort's upcoming expansion, a 349-room, 14-story tower scheduled to open in 2021.

He comes to the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort after spending the last decade as general manager at various New York and New Jersey hotels, including Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, Westin New York at Times Square, and most recently, the 1,780-room Sheraton New York Times Square, one of the largest hotels in the northeast.

With a proven track record of driving associate engagement, customer satisfaction and profitability, Verney is a true team player who has a passion for developing and growing future leaders and a firm commitment to investing in his hotel team.

Noted for his track record of successful hotel management, Verney attributes his impressive success to a leadership philosophy that focuses on teamwork, strategy and hard work in order to obtain a winning result.

He is an active leader within the tourism community, having served as an executive board member of the Hotel Association of New York City, on the hotel advisory committee of NYC & Company, the city's marketing and tourism organization, and as a member of Marriott's New York City Business Council.

His outstanding leadership has been recognized by Marriott, as he was named Eastern Regional General Manager of the year in 2017. Other accolades he's earned during his career include Food & Beverage Association's *Professional of the Year* and *General Manager of the Year* by Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International's Greater New York chapter.

**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. It is located between *Epcot* and *Disney's Hollywood Studios*, and nearby *Disney's Animal Kingdom* theme park and *Magic Kingdom* Park. Guests can discover 18 world-class restaurants and lounges, sophisticated guest rooms and the luxurious Mandara Spa. The resort features five pools, two health clubs, nearby golf and complimentary transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World* Resort. The resort can be reached at [800-227-1500](tel:800-227-1500). For more information, visit [www.swandolphin.com](http://www.swandolphin.com) and connect via social media [@swandolphin](https://www.instagram.com/swandolphin) #swandolphin.

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