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Whistler Luxury Hotel Sports a New Olympic Look for 2009/10

The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler will be sporting a new look in time for the arrival of Ski Independence guests this winter as well as guests arriving for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The \$10 million spend on all 419 suites includes new wall, floor and window coverings, furnishings, fixtures and the latest generation of Westin's famous Heavenly Bed, complete with white linen and the industry's first five pillows.

"It's an exciting time for us and one that we anxiously look forward to unveiling to our guests this November," said Trevor Graham, General Manager of this twice-named #1 ski resort hotel in North America. "The new colors and fabrics are absolutely stunning and a beautiful complement to our mountain resort destination. There is no doubt that Ski Independence clients will immediately feel the warmth and comfort when they enter the guest room."

The Westin Resort & Spa has a superb position at the base of Whistler mountain just steps away from the two gondolas accessing both Whistler & Blackcomb Mountains and the children's ski school check-in. It is in the heart of Whistler village close to shops, restaurants, galleries, boutiques and après ski activity. Stay 10 nights in January from £1309pp including Air Canada flights from LHR, shared shuttle transfers & a free upgrade to a One Bedroom Suite & 3 free nights.

"The Westin Resort & Spa has been a firm favourite with Ski Independence clients' since it's opening in 2000 for both its level of luxury, service and superb location," said Michael Bennett, Managing Director of Ski Independence, "This extensive refurbishment will ensure that it continues to set a bench mark for luxury ski hotels and we look forward to offering it to our clients for years to come."

The refurbishments, which are being completed floor by floor, have an overall hotel completion date of November 30.

Ski Independence has some amazing early booking offers available the Westin Resort and Spa, including:

- Stay for 7 nights and pay for only 5
- Stay for 10 nights and pay for only 7
- Stay for 14 nights and pay for only 10
- Complimentary room upgrade from Studio Junior Suite to 1 Bedroom.

Valid for all room types all winter except 19 Dec – 2 Jan and 11 Feb – 28 Feb. Book by 30 September 2009.

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Notes to editor:

Ski Independence are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent ski tour operators. Family owned and run for over 50 years, they pride themselves on the quality of knowledge of staff, our attention to detail and an unrivalled standard of service. Offering resorts across USA, Canada, Japan, France, Switzerland, & Austria, Ski Independence have firsthand experience of the best places to ski, places to stay and travel options.

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