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THE RITZ-CARLTON ORLANDO GETS BIGGER!

NEW RITZ-CARLTON BALLROOM WILL BE UNVEILED IN SEPTEMBER 2006.

Orlando, FL, September 2005 — The Ritz-Carlton Orlando continues to get bigger and better with the addition of a new ballroom. With the new ballroom, the 584-room Ritz-Carlton will have 47,635 square feet of luxury indoor meeting space, making the hotel one of the premier places to meet in the Southeast region.

The 14,135-square-foot ballroom will be housed in a new 27,233-square-foot building that will also feature over 5,000 square feet of pre-function space, an event planner's office as well as additional men's and women's washrooms. A separate 3,000-square-foot private exterior patio will be available for outdoor functions.

At a cost of over \$13 million, work on the new building will begin in October this year with a scheduled completion date of September 2006.

"Since opening Grande Lakes in July 2003, we have seen a growing demand for additional space. The new ballroom will allow us to meet this need for a high-end destination in Orlando for meetings, conferences as well as social events," said Marc Hoffman, vice president and managing director at Grande Lakes Orlando.

The new space will accommodate up to 1,500 people and the design will allow for it to be divided into eight separate rooms. The ballroom will be fully integrated into existing space, providing state-of-the-art-technology via a fiber-optic feed. This enables the network to have the capability to handle streaming video, audio, Internet and other forms of data traffic at tremendous speeds with reliability and dependability.

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Multiple T-3 capacity can be delivered on demand and dedicated intranets and private systems are handled with ease as all meeting space is connected via this fiber-optic network.

The Ritz-Carlton expansion is part of Grande Lakes Orlando's ongoing efforts to make the resort one of the leading meeting destinations in the region. The JW Marriott Orlando, also located at Grande Lakes, added the Coquina Grande Hall in September 2004.

The 500-acre Grande Lakes Orlando estate includes a 584-room Ritz-Carlton, a 1,000-room JW Marriott, a 40,000 square-foot spa, and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by two-time British Open winner Greg Norman. The Ritz-Carlton Orlando offers 33,500 square feet of flexible meeting and banquet space including two ballrooms, one boardroom and 13 additional meeting rooms with 52,000 square feet of outdoor event space. The JW Marriott Orlando has 100,800 square feet of meeting and banquet space including two ballrooms, two boardrooms, and 23 meeting rooms with 62,000 square feet of outdoor function space.

Grande Lakes is located 15 minutes from the Orlando International Airport, five minutes from the Orange County Convention Center and minutes from the major theme parks. For information: The Ritz-Carlton Orlando Group Sales 407-393-4300 or visit www.grandelakes.com

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