

**TODD RYAN APPOINTED AREA DIRECTOR OF SALES AND MARKETING
FOR STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS EASTERN CANADA
BASED AT THE WESTIN OTTAWA**



OTTAWA, June 23, 2014—Ross Meredith, General Manager of The Westin Ottawa is delighted to announce the appointment of Todd Ryan as Area Director of Sales and Marketing for Starwood Hotels & Resorts - Eastern Canada. Todd will be based at the 496-room upper upscale Westin Ottawa located on Colonel By Drive overlooking the Rideau Canal and Parliament Hill. With direct responsibility for the sales and marketing efforts at The Westin Ottawa, Todd will also partner with the sales and marketing leaders at the Starwood owned and managed hotels in Eastern Canada.

Todd brings more than 15 years of hotelier and sales expertise to the position. He is thrilled to make the move to Canada's capital from New York City, where he was most recently Area Director of Sales & Marketing for Starwood Hotels in the New York and New Jersey area. Previously he was Director of Sales and Marketing at the 1,000-room Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel. Todd enjoyed previous sales and marketing tenures in San Antonio, Monterey and San Francisco, experiencing Westin, Sheraton,

Hilton and Hyatt brands.

“I’m thrilled to be in Ottawa” said Todd. “We have a superb hotel in a great destination, connected to a world class convention centre. And at Westin, there’s a passion for taking care of our guests and ensuring they leave feeling better than when they arrived. I look forward to enhancing the personal business and leisure experience even further at The Westin Ottawa and to getting actively involved with Ottawa’s vibrant tourism industry.”

“Todd’s arrival will be most beneficial to the property,” said Ross Meredith, General Manager at The Westin Ottawa. “Todd’s time in the U.S. will provide great insight on the American business and leisure traveler as well as U.S.-based meeting planners.

Todd has an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Social Sciences from Portland State University. His LinkedIn profile can be viewed at www.linkedin.com/in/toddryan. For more information on The Westin Ottawa please visit, www.thewestinottawa.com

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