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**WALT DISNEY WORLD SWAN AND DOLPHIN RESORT
IS A CELEBRATION OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – With giant statues and distinctive shapes visible from miles away, the [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort](#) is a stunning architectural landmark located at Walt Disney World Resort. Inside, the dramatic visuals continue with an array of imaginative artwork and designs developed to create a unique aura of fantasy and luxury.

From coral and turquoise facades crowned with multi-story namesake statues to expansive murals, the Walt Disney World resort has been described as a colossal work of art.

Designed by internationally acclaimed architect, the late Michael Graves, the award-winning resort typifies the Disney tradition of excellence.

“The exterior of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin was designed to echo the tropical Florida landscape, as well as the fun and excitement of the nearby Walt Disney World theme parks,” said Graves. “The artwork is an integral element of the grand scheme, infusing the resorts with an aura appealing to guests of all ages.”

One of Graves’ themes is water, and it is demonstrated with colorful fountains in several scenic locations throughout the property. The most visible fountain, located on the Crescent Lake side of the Dolphin, cascades nine stories through five seashell-shaped troughs into a 54-foot clamshell. The fountain entertains guests who stroll by and savor the cool mist. Guests in the lounges, restaurants and public spaces enjoy the spectacular views of this magnificent fountain. All exterior fountains are regulated by anometers, wind gauges that reduce water pressure based on wind speed, to keep guests dry on gusty days.

Statues of the resort’s namesake sit atop both the Swan and Dolphin. Each of the two 56-foot tall mythical dolphin statues and two 47-foot swans weigh 60,000 pounds. These statues are works of art that represent classical and contemporary symbols of water, chosen by Graves to provide personality and character.

Water is everywhere, cascading nine stories down a clamshell fountain or rushing across rock-faced grottos in the star-lit foyer of the Dolphin. Twinkling fountains in giant clamshells sit atop the Swan’s seven-story wings.

“The fun things have come together with the practical things to work in concert.” said Graves.

The buildings play off Florida’s tropical landscape. The exterior walls of the main structures are hand-painted murals in colors that represent the lush Florida greenery. The Dolphin mural is a pattern of

banana leaves and the Swan exterior features a pattern of waves. The murals took nearly six months to complete.

The current guest rooms are inspired by the resort's water-themed architecture, featuring an all-white Heavenly Bed and a serene, sophisticated atmosphere blending an artistic combination of whites, blues and grays. A complementing corridor design was developed as an extension of this look.

The updated Dolphin Resort lobby, designed by ICRAVE, features a contemporary look with a geometric ceiling, enhanced lighting and plenty of guest seating. The centerpiece of the lobby is a grand chandelier stretching 20 feet from the ceiling with nearly 1,000 strands and about 10,000 individual crystals suspended above the Dolphin fountain.

When the property added a third building in 2021, the Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, architecture firm Gensler drew upon Graves original water theme for inspiration, but added a modern twist. Inside and out, the Swan Reserve's design inspiration is a bold tribute to the environment surrounding it. The exterior building design recreates the reflective light from the hotel's scenic Crescent Lake, while the interior creates a tropical feel which intentionally blurs the lines between indoors and out, with everything from lush greenery to distinctive tropical murals on each floor. The tropical theme continues along the hotel's exterior landscape, with orange trees lining the entryway and poolside areas, including aromatic orange blossoms and vibrant fruit, a subtle nod to the region's citrus legacy.

The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort is a pleasing work of art which provides guests an enjoyable atmosphere inside and out, while paying homage to one of America's greatest architects Michael Graves (1934 – 2015).

About the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin

The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin is a nationally respected and recognized leader in the convention hotel arena. Ideally located in the heart of Walt Disney World Resort, the three-hotel complex offers 2,619 guest rooms and over 348,000 square feet of meeting space. Features consist of 99 meeting rooms, including two executive boardrooms, 6 ballroom options, 110,500 square feet of contiguous convention/exhibit space, outdoor function areas, three business centers and complimentary transportation throughout the Walt Disney World Resort. Groups also enjoy sophisticated guest rooms, the luxurious Mandara Spa and 22 world-class restaurants and lounges. The newest addition, the 14-story Walt Disney World Swan Reserve, opened 2021 and offers an upscale and boutique atmosphere. It features 149 executive meeting suites, two presidential suites and A top-floor event space, The Vue, offering spectacular views of Walt Disney World including multiple fireworks shows. For more information, please visit www.swandolphinmeetings.com.

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