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THE WESTIN PEACHTREE PLAZA PASSES MID-WAY POINT OF WINDOW REPLACEMENT, TAKES DRAPING DOWN FROM THE LOBBY CEILING, ADDS ACCESS TO 60,000 SQUARE FEET OF MEETING SPACE  
*Renovation On Schedule, With No Complaints, No Interruptions, No Noise Problems*

ATLANTA (April 12, 2010) – The Westin Peachtree Plaza will surpass the mid-way point of the 73-story hotel’s massive window renovation this month, marked by the removal of the draping over most of the lobby ceiling, which has been in place since days after a tornado ripped through part of downtown Atlanta with the Westin in its path. It also comes with the announcement that, starting this June, hotel guests can access an additional 60,000 square feet of meeting space through a seventh story bridge connecting the hotel to 200 Peachtree, in the former Macy’s space.

“On the heels of unveiling the new views in the Sun Dial, we’re thrilled to shed new light by removing the draping, which has covered the windows of our (normally) sun drenched atrium lobby,” said Ed Walls, general manager of the Westin Peachtree Plaza.

The mid-way point also comes with the announcement that the hotel will expand its meeting facilities by 60,000 square-feet with the opening of the seventh story gateway to 200 Peachtree, set to be unveiled at a grand opening party in early June. The Philip Shutze-designed historic landmark will share catering facilities with the Westin Peachtree Plaza, tapping the hotel as a preferred caterer.

“The expansion of our meeting facilities will further enable us to compete for large and multiple groups,” said Anthony Lombardi, director of sales and marketing for the Westin Peachtree Plaza. “We value our existing partnership with Americas Mart,

whose meeting space we access through a sixth level bridge. The extra 60,000 square feet of 200 Peachtree makes us that much better.”

The next milestone of the restoration comes in July with the grand re-opening of the Scenic Elevators, which carry guests from the hotel’s fifth floor lobby to the city’s original tri-level entertainment complex: The Sun Dial Restaurant, Bar & View.

Skanska USA Building is leading the replacement of all 6,350 windows on this John Portman-designed, landmark hotel, which started in August and is on schedule to be completed in early 2011. Hotel management is thrilled to report that the renovation has been seamless, with no complaints, no interruptions and no noise problems. This is the largest hotel window replacement project in the Western Hemisphere with the goal of bringing the building’s exterior up to today’s standards.

Designed by John Portman in 1976, the Westin Peachtree Plaza is a 73-story tower, topped by the tri-level, revolving Sun Dial Restaurant Bar & View. At 723 feet, The Westin Peachtree Plaza was Atlanta’s tallest building until 1987, when it was surpassed by One Atlantic Center. Today, The Westin Peachtree Plaza is the fifth tallest building in Atlanta and remains the tallest hotel in the Western Hemisphere.

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