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**SCENIC ELEVATORS SET TO RE-OPEN AT THE WESTIN PEACHTREE PLAZA**  
*Renovation on Schedule, Atlantans to Once Again Enjoy The Sun Dial Views*

ATLANTA (August 9, 2010) – [The Westin Peachtree Plaza](#) will mark the next milestone of the [hotel's window restoration](#) on Wednesday, August 18, 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](#).

The event, which will be held from 6:30 – 9 p.m., will be celebrated with an exhibition by Denise Jackson of Emerging Art Scene. Guests will receive a complimentary drink with a \$20 donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

"We're very excited to re-open the Scenic Elevators to our hotel guests and visitors," said Ed Walls, general manager of the Westin Peachtree Plaza. "Atlantans and visitors to our city will once again be able to take in breathtaking vistas of Atlanta and its landmarks."

The Westin Peachtree Plaza is expected to complete the window renovations in October which have been ongoing since a tornado ripped through part of downtown Atlanta with the Westin in its path. The grand re-opening in October will also highlight the addition of 65,000 square feet of meeting space accessible through a seventh story bridge connecting the hotel to 200 Peachtree, in the former Macy's space.

Skanska USA Building is leading the replacement of all 6,350 windows on this John Portman-designed, landmark hotel, which started in August. 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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