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HILTON HEAD ISLAND
RESORT & SPA

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Bart Umidi Named Executive Chef at The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

HILTON HEAD ISLAND –April, 2010 – The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa is pleased to announce Bart Umidi as Executive Chef of the 412-room resort. With over twenty five years under his belt, Chef Umidi now leads the culinary team as they strive to enhance the food and beverage offerings for its banquets, group functions and private events with unique and delightful creations. The new executive chef will also have a hand in all culinary execution and menus at the resorts' three restaurant venues – Carolina Café, Turtles Poolside Beach Bar & Grill as well as Oceans, the hotel's new signature seafood restaurant which has one of Hilton Head Island's best ocean views.

"We are extremely delighted to welcome Chef Umidi to our culinary team," said Andrew Czarnecki, General Manager. Director of Food & Beverage, David Jachetta states "Chef Umidi has had great experiences in the hospitality industry and we are looking forward to learning from his leadership and expertise."

Prior to joining The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa team, Umidi's experience include various four and five diamond hotels all over the United States and Bermuda, most recently as Executive Chef at The Westin Maui Resort and Spa. Other previous positions include Executive Chef at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel, Bermuda, Chef de Cuisine at Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort, and Chef at the Broadmoor Resort, Colorado Springs. Umidi has an extensive culinary background in hotels and resorts and has a proven track record with successfully controlling food and labor budgets. Umidi received an Associate's Degree from The Culinary Institute of America in New York and a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Maryland, College Park.

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About The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa is a AAA Four Diamond award-winning resort located along the beaches of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The resort features 412 guest room and suites, Heavenly Spa by Westin – a full service spa and salon, a variety of dining options, three swimming pools, WestinWORKOUT fitness center and plenty of outdoor activities including running and bicycle trails as well as beach and water sports. Guests also have access to three spectacular 18-hole golf courses at the Port Royal Golf Club: The Barony, Planter's Row and Robber's Row, designed by George W. Cobb, Willard C. Byrd and Pete Dye, respectively; as well as the [PGA TOUR Academy](http://www.pgatour.com) also located at the Port Royal Golf Club. The Port Royal Racquet Club features 14 tennis courts featuring hard and clay surfaces. The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa also offers over 30,500 square feet of meeting space within 15 meeting rooms, including a 13,200 square-foot Grand Ballroom, an Oceanfront Pavilion and two Executive Boardrooms. For more information on The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa, please visit westin.com/hiltonhead or call 843.681.4000. Become a fan on Facebook at [facebook.com/westinhiltonhead](https://www.facebook.com/westinhiltonhead).

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