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News Bulletin

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SEATTLE, WA, February 24, 1995 -- It is my pleasure to announce that due to the dedication and professionalism shown by all Westin associates, Westin Hotels & Resorts has been rated number one in overall desirability among U.S. upscale branded hotel operators by 1,538 U.S. travel managers from Fortune 500 companies.

In its recent "Top U.S. Hotel Chains Survey," *Business Travel News*, a well-known travel trade publication, rated top U.S. hotels based on price, corporate rate programs, physical appearance, staff, rooms, food and beverage, meeting facilities, group travel arrangements, commission payments and frequent guest programs.

Westin received an overall score of 8.21 out of 10 points and received its highest marks for ease in arranging group travel, Corporate Rate programs, quality of food, and overall value (value = price ÷ quality).

The top 10 hotel chains in the Upscale Sector received the following rankings:

Westin Hotels & Resorts	1
Marriott Hotels & Resorts	2
Hyatt Hotels	3
Walt Disney World Resorts	4
Fairmont	5
Canadian Pacific Hotels	6

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Sheraton Hotels & Resorts	7
Hilton Hotels Corp.	8
Renaissance Hotels & Resorts (Stouffer)	9
Inter-Continental Hotels	10

I extend my congratulations to all of you in this achievement. It is through your commitment to service excellence that Westin continues to receive top recognition like this.

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