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Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort, Earns Green Lodging Certification

KEY WEST, Fla. – September 8, 2009 – Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort, is now designated Green Lodging by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Florida Green Lodging Program.

“Sunset Key Guest Cottages is committed to taking steps to protect our environment for the enjoyment of our guests, our community and future generations,” said Resort Manager Justin Earle. “We are proud to be part of the Green Lodging program and look forward to working with them to further improve our practices.”

In order to achieve this One-Palm certification, Sunset Key Guest Cottages took steps such as reducing solid waste by placing recycling receptacles in public areas; reducing water and energy consumption through centralized, off-site laundry processing and providing all guests with the option to re-use linen and bath towels.

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About The Westin Key West Resort & Marina and Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort

The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is located on the waterfront, one walking block from fabled Duval Street and next to Mallory Square. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is one of the Conch Republic’s top destination resorts, offering deluxe guestrooms and suites, more than 16,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space, multiple dining options, heated pool and a 37-slip marina with a complete range of watersports. In addition, the resort operates one of the country’s largest private ports, welcoming cruise ships to the destination daily. For more

information on the resort, visit westin.com/keywest. **Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort**, is located on the 27-acre secluded island of Sunset Key. One-third of the island is a resort featuring 37 elegantly appointed one, two and three-bedroom cottages all with fully equipped kitchen, living and dining areas and are designed in traditional Key West architecture. The resort offers superior amenities and services such as a secluded beach, tropical pool, restaurant, two tennis courts, breakfast basket delivered to cottage porch each morning, grocery shopping service, personal chef service and 24-hour launch transportation to Key West. The remaining two-thirds of the island are reserved for one of the most prestigious residential communities in Key West. For more information please visit www.sunsetkeyisland.com and www.westin.com/sunsetkey. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina and Sunset Key Guest Cottages are owned and managed by Ocean Properties Ltd., and franchised by Starwood Hotels. The resorts have been the only accommodations in Key West designated with the AAA Four-Diamond Full-Service award consecutively since 1999.

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