

News Release

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**Regent Palms' General Manager Karen Whitt  
Recognized as Top General Manager Worldwide**

The Regent Palms' General Manager, Karen Whitt, has earned the "Top General Manager Worldwide" award in the 2013 Luxury Travel Advisor Awards of Excellence.

It is the first time the prestigious award has been given to a hotel general manager who is a female, and the first time to a general manager of a Caribbean property.

The awards program is produced by Luxury Travel Advisor, which offers luxury travel agents worldwide a range of travel-related services and information.

Every year, the Luxury Travel Advisor Awards of Excellence advisory board, an invitation-only panel made up of influential travel advisors who have graced the cover of Luxury Travel Advisor, hand-selects the nominees across a range of products. Travel advisor readers vote to determine who is most deserving of being named an Awards of Excellence finalist.

Whitt was part of an impressive list of award nominees, including General Managers from hotels such as The Connaught in London, the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong, the Peninsula in Beverly Hills and the Park Hyatt in New York City.

Whitt accepted the position of General Manager at the Regent Palms in 2011. During her tenure she has also served as President of the Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association. Whitt's prior awards include "Hotelier of the Year" in Turks and Caicos in 2010.

Stan Hartling, CEO of the Hartling Group and developer of the Regent Palms noted, " I am beyond excited and proud that such a prestigious award has been bestowed upon Karen by some of the most distinguished professionals in the luxury resort industry worldwide. She is a true reflection of the drive, determination, compassion and creativity that makes the entire team special. I am honored to have her as a key part of the Hartling Group."

As part of the awards process, Luxury Travel Advisor will send media representatives to Providenciales to create a feature on Whitt and the Regent Palms.

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Visit the following web site for a complete list of award nominees and additional information about Luxury Travel Advisor:

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