

The Waldorf=Astoria Collection signs first ski management agreement in Park City, Utah



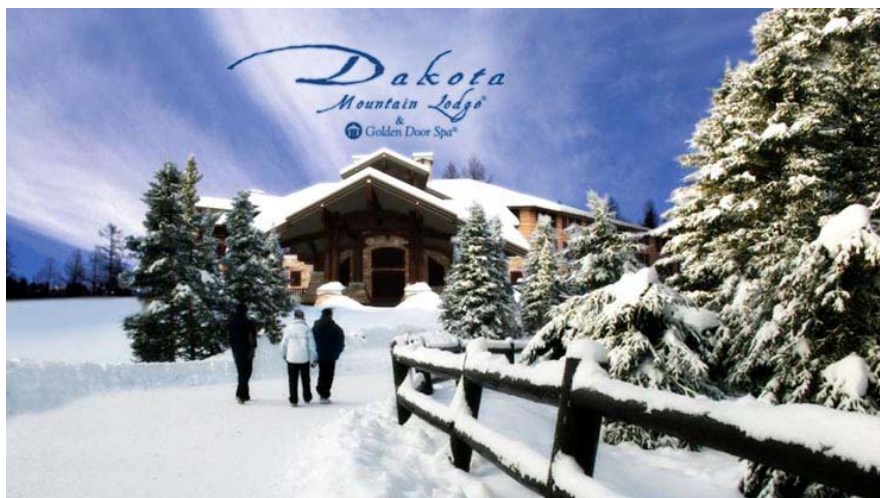
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Press Release Summary: The Waldorf=Astoria Collection's Dakota Mountain Lodge is to debut at The Canyons as Hilton's first ski management property

Press Release Body: **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection** and **DuVal Development** have announced the signing of the **Dakota Mountain Lodge**, a **Waldorf=Astoria Collection** hotel and **Hilton's first ski management property**. Located in Park City, Utah as part of The Canyons, Utah's largest ski and snowboard resort and one of the largest in the United states, the **Dakota Mountain Lodge** will offer guests an assortment of unique experiences and discoveries for luxury ski enthusiast travelers. Completion and opening is scheduled for spring 2009.



Welcoming this hotel into [The Waldorf=Astoria Collection](#), **Ernest Wooden, Jr., executive vice president-brand management** said, *"Selection for the **Waldorf=Astoria Collection** is exclusive. Only landmark hotels with a reputation for superior service, a luxurious sense of place and unique architecture or artistic and historical significance receive such designation. Befitting of a [luxury hotel](#), **Dakota Mountain Lodge** ideally represents The **Waldorf=Astoria Collection** brand within the scenic State of Utah."*

The 197-guestroom [Dakota Mountain Lodge](#) will range in room size from studios to the six-bedroom penthouse and will be outfitted with the finest furnishings including custom Viking appliances, European showers, Jacuzzi tubs, and an outdoor pool and fire feature – all presenting refined alpine luxury. A second phase comprising an additional 137 guest rooms in 65 condo units is planned to commence construction in 2008.

Guests will see **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection's** hallmarks of discovery and unique experiences throughout the lodge's impressive offerings, including access to The Canyons' new Frostwood Gondola, which is currently under construction and will be adjacent to the **Dakota Mountain Lodge**. Guests will be able to ski-in/out to The Canyons' slopes with personal ski valets escorting their equipment to and from the gondola.

For après ski, or as a destination in itself, guests will be able to indulge in the **Dakota Mountain Lodge's** 20,000-square-foot world-renowned **Golden Door Spa** consisting of 20 treatment rooms, an elaborate fitness center and a full beauty salon – all in a unique and spectacular environment. **Tom Posey, president and chief executive officer at Golden Door Spas** added, *"**Golden Door** welcomes the world class brand of the **Waldorf=Astoria** to the **Dakota Mountain Lodge**. We look forward to working with this renowned hospitality leader to create a year-round spa and ski destination in Park City that embodies the best of our organizations mutually remarkable legacies."*

The resort will offer a multitude of activities throughout the spring, summer and fall such as: horseback riding and fly fishing. Additionally, **The Canyons** is in the process of adding a breathtaking 18-hole mountain golf course.

Shelly Kamins, a principle in DuVal Development added, *"As part of The **Waldorf=Astoria Collection**, **Dakota Mountain Lodge** and the **Golden Door Spa** will bring cache to **The Canyons** and offer guests a resort experience like none other. Aligning ourselves with the legendary stature of The **Waldorf=Astoria Collection** is an exciting step in this process."*

Other highlights of the **Dakota Mountain Lodge** will include a 15,000-square-foot ballroom and meeting space with its own kitchen, a 5,000-square-foot signature restaurant and lounge, and screening rooms designed to suit the **Sundance Film Festival**. The [luxury ski hotel](#) will be located 30

minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport which services more than 1,000 flights a day from cities across the U.S., as well as international locations. The **Dakota Mountain Lodge** is also only a few minutes from the historic Main Street of Park City, Utah with its elaborate offering of restaurants, shops and amenities.

About The Waldorf=Astoria Collection:
The **Waldorf=Astoria Collection** includes some of the most extraordinary properties in spectacular destinations around the globe. Inspired by New York's legendary [Waldorf=Astoria](http://waldorfastoria1.hilton.com/en/wa/home.do), each hotel in the growing Collection has its own distinct character, timeless architecture and special history. Luxury spas, culinary excellence and world-class golf are featured at **The Collection's** current properties: the beautiful **Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa** in Phoenix, tropical **Grand Wailea Resort hotel & Spa** on the Isle of Maui, Hawaii, the historic **La Quinta Resort & Club** in Southern California, New York's **Waldorf=Astoria** and the palace hotel Qasr Al Sharq in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

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