

PETER E. ELLS
General Manager
Royal Palms Resort and Spa

Peter E. Ells was named General Manager of the Royal Palms Resort and Spa, managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts (DH&R), in June 2008. To this award-winning resort, Ells brings over 20 years of hands-on experience in luxury resorts and historic properties, a proven track record in managing high quality operations, a seasoned knowledge of the extremely competitive Arizona hotel/resort market and a passion for guest service and exceeding client expectations.

Ells began his career in 1982 as Restaurant Manager at the JW Marriott in Washington, D. C. and subsequently held the titles of Director of Restaurants, Director of Catering and Sales and Director of Operations at various Marriott properties. In 1995, Ells assumed the General Manager position at the historic St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, followed by a stint as Area General Manager for the Four Diamond Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco.

In June 2004, he moved to Arizona as General Manager at the Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix and during his tenure, he served as Vice President of the Valley Hotel & Resort Association, on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Hotel & Lodging Association and on the Banner Health Philanthropic Board.

Ells was then tapped to run the Five Diamond Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay on the northern California coast where he also served as Vice President and Incoming President for the San Francisco Hotel Council and the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ells is a graduate of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia with a degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management and was a member of the university's men's golf team.

Photographs of Ells are available upon request.

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