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**New Castle Names Nora Gomez General Manager
of Westport Inn**

SHELTON, Conn. - - January 23, 2014—Officials of New Castle Hotels & Resorts, a leading hotel owner, operator and developer, today named Nora Gomez general manager of the 117-room Westport Inn in Westport, Conn.

Gomez previously was the assistant general manager of the Hampton Inn in nearby Shelton, where she was part of the team that earned the brand's prestigious Lighthouse Award in its first year and recently claimed Trip Advisor's number one ranking in the market. A 10-year veteran of the New Castle team, Gomez began her hospitality career as a front desk agent at the Hilton Garden Inn in Norwalk, Conn., earning positions of increasing responsibility since 2003. Recently, she served as part of the company's pre-opening task force for the Residence

Inn/Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Syracuse. Gomez holds a degree in business administration from Norwalk Community College.

“Nora has worked in nearly every position in a hotel, including front desk, accounting, human resources and housekeeping, meeting every challenge put before her,” said Gerry Chase, president and COO of New Castle. “The Westport Inn undoubtedly will benefit from the enthusiasm and ‘no nonsense’ work ethic that a new general manager like Nora will bring to the table. She already has made great recommendations, including the reconcepting of our restaurant.”

“The Westport Inn has a charming, country inn feel and plenty of business drivers,” noted Gomez. “I am honored by the confidence New Castle has shown in my abilities to lead this treasured hotel, and feel confident that the hands-on training I’ve received over the last ten years has prepared me for the challenge.”

In a 2013 survey of U.S. hotel general managers, New Castle's team of hotel leaders scored the company's commitment to professional development ten points higher than the national benchmark.

Located off I-95 in the heart of Westport, Conn., the Ascend Collection hotel offers 6,000 square feet of meeting space, including the 3,200 square foot Westport ballroom, the largest event space in the city and in-demand venue for weddings and bar and bat mitzvahs. Just one hour from Manhattan, the Westport Inn is a short distance from Fairfield University, Save the Children, Sacred Heart University, Bridgewater Corporation and Terex Corporation and makes a convenient launch pad for visitors taking in a play at the Westport Playhouse or visiting nearby Sherwood Island State Park. On February 1, the hotel will unveil the second location of Bistro

B, a locally popular bistro and wine bar which will serve breakfast and dinner daily. An indoor pool and fitness center round out the amenities at this pet-friendly hotel.

About New Castle Hotels & Resorts

The Westport Inn is operated by Shelton Conn. based New Castle Hotels & Resorts, an award-winning independent third-party hotel manager, owner and developer with more than 29 hotels and resorts and nearly 5,000 rooms under contract or in development. New Castle's growing portfolio of hotels spans 10 states and three Canadian provinces and includes several of Canada's historic landmark resorts. The privately-held company was established by CEO, David Buffam in 1980 and consistently ranks among the top hotel management and development companies in North America, serving the United States and Canada. New Castle is a preferred operator for diverse brands within the Marriott, Hilton and Starwood families. For additional information, please go to www.newcastlehotels.com.