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Hilton Sandestin Beach Appoints New Hotel Operations Manager and Director of Food and Beverage

SOUTH WALTON, Fla. (June 3, 2016) – Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, the largest full-service beachfront resort on Northwest Florida’s Gulf Coast, has announced the appointment of **Angelina Covington** as hotel operations manager and **Max Messmer** as director of food and beverage.

A 32-year veteran of the hospitality industry, Covington joined Hilton Sandestin Beach in 2003 as director of restaurants and in 2006 was promoted to assistant food and beverage director. She was promoted to director of food and beverage in 2009, administering a multimillion dollar budget and managing purchasing, receiving, staffing, menu planning and beverage selection for the resort’s culinary department. Covington’s professional experience also includes 18 years at Dataw Island, a golf resort in South Carolina, where she held positions of increasing responsibility before serving as director of food and beverage for 10 years.

With more than 15 years of experience in the food and beverage industry, Messmer was director of food and beverage at the Courtyard Resort at Coconut Beach in Kapaa, Hawaii, before joining Hilton Sandestin Beach. In addition to overseeing all aspects of the food and beverage department at the resort, including restaurant, lounge, kitchen, catering and banquets, Messmer worked with the managers and chef to maximize revenue and profits and minimize expenses, costs and labor. Prior to his time in Kapaa, Messmer worked as director of food and beverage at North 40 lodging in Union, Washington and corporate director of food and beverage at Access Golf in Redmond, Washington. As the director of food and beverage at Hilton Sandestin Beach, Messmer will oversee operations of the resort’s food and beverage department, as well as in-room dining and banquet services.

“Angelina and Max have extensive experience in the industry and proven track records of success,” said Gary Brielmayer, general manager. “I’m confident their creativity, loyalty and work ethic will help further enhance our outstanding guest experience.”

For more information about Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, visit HiltonSandestinBeach.com or call 850-267-9500.

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About Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts & Hotels, is located on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast near Destin in South Walton, Fla. Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 602 spacious accommodations, more than 40,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class spa and fitness center, six on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four Diamond restaurant – abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area's best attractions. For more information on the premier hotel, visit HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its latest news and promotions on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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