

**HYATT REGENCY LAJOLLA; SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER**



(San Diego, CA) --- Dania Duke has recently been appointed as the General Manager of Hyatt Regency LaJolla in San Diego, CA. Duke was most recently General Manager of Hyatt Regency Santa Clara and Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

During the 25 years she has been with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, Duke has been affiliated with Hyatt properties in the Hawaiian Islands, Grand Cayman, British West Indies, and the cities throughout the United States.

In addition to her role as General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, Duke launched an Innovation Lab at the hotel in 2012, one of eight global Hyatt properties to do so. As an Innovation Lab leader, she was part of the Lab Launch at Hyatt Regency New Delhi India. In addition to Hyatt Innovation projects, Duke has collaborated with Innovation Executive teams from Jet Blue, Citrix, Victoria Secret, SAP, CEO delegations from New Zealand and Korean. She also frequently participates on the Stanford D School Executive panel at Design Thinking Boot Camps.

During her tenure in the Bay Area, Duke was on the Santa Clara Tourism Improvement District, Chair of the Santa Clara TID Marketing Committee Board of Governor's for the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association; Chair of the Fisherman's Wharf Community Development Committee; Board of Directors of the San Francisco Hotel Council Board of Directors and Chair of the Membership Committee. Additionally, she was actively involved with the following community organizations: San Francisco Bay area Community involvement; Make a Wish Foundation; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Million Dollar Mission, CA Breathe, and North Beach Citizen's Food Pantry.

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While in Palm Springs, Duke served on the Boards of the Palm Springs Hospitality Association, Mainstreet Merchants of Palm Springs, the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism-Planning, Budget and Finance Committee and the Coachella Valley Economic Development Commission. One of her most significant achievements is her instrumental role in the adoption of an ordinance for the formation of a Business Improvement District for Palm Springs, California.

Over the years, Duke has been an active member and served on the Board of the American Institute of Food and Wine. Her past community activities have included United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Share Our Strength, Special Olympics, Red Cross, Second Harvest Homeless Shelter, Rotary International and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Most recently, Duke was named and awarded one of Silicon Valley's Women of Influence 2013 and recognized by the Silicon Valley Business Journal as an "Executive Changing the Business World."

Duke's distinguished career also includes such professional achievements as the 2000 Dannon International Hotelier Award, 2001 inaugural recipient of Hyatt Hotel's Operations Achievement Award and 2003 Donald J. Pritzker Award for Operations Achievement within Hyatt Hotels.

Her leisure activities are yoga, cycling, hiking nature, art and photography.