



## **WILD DUNES RESORT ANNOUNCES EXPANSION – ADDING LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND RESORT AMENITIES**

ISLE OF PALMS, S.C. – February 20, 2019 – Construction is underway to expand Wild Dunes Resort, the acclaimed 1,600-acre oceanfront resort on South Carolina’s Isle of Palms, with the development of a 153-room boutique hotel, new meeting and event space and an array of amenities. The architectural design of the resort additions will complement the existing AAA Four Diamond rated 93-room Boardwalk Inn and The Village at Wild Dunes guestrooms and suites to offer exceptional accommodations and a memorable resort experience, conveniently located just 30 minutes from historic downtown Charleston.

“The new hotel and amenities at Wild Dunes builds on the attributes of this world-class property and allows us to offer a captivating new first-class hotel and meeting experience which will take advantage of the Charleston area’s continued growth,” said Frank Fredericks, managing director of Wild Dunes Resort.

The new hotel at Wild Dunes, designed in a graceful arc overlooking a new pool and new freestanding restaurant, will provide a relaxed yet elegant environment, welcoming guests with a sweeping porte cochere. The new hotel is located adjacent to The Village at Wild Dunes and retail plaza that was added to the resort in 2008. The expansion will bring a host of new facilities to the resort including an 8,000-square-foot ballroom and a 3,000-square-foot ocean view rooftop event space with an outdoor deck offering panoramic ocean views. The new meeting and event space will allow the resort to welcome larger groups of up to 650 attendees. The bright and spacious lobby will offer a bar and lounge for beverages and light fare. Wild Dunes’ existing pool deck will be extended to include a new pool and an upscale casual poolside café. An expansive new spa with 14 treatment rooms and premier fitness center will also be added.

As part of the expansion, Resort access will be reconfigured to create an exclusive, secure entrance for residents and a separate arrival entrance and welcome

center for resort guests. The new hotel and amenities are anticipated to open in early 2021.

Wild Dunes Resort offers 2.5 miles of coastline, two Tom Fazio designed Championship golf courses, world-ranked tennis courts, the Boardwalk Inn hotel, vacation rental condominiums and luxury vacation homes. It currently features nine restaurants and cafes, 50,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and function space including the signature Grand Pavilion, fitness center and spa, and retail shops at The Village Plaza.

Wild Dunes Resort is jointly owned by Lowe and Third Palm Capital. Lowe acquired Wild Dunes Resort in 1990 following Hurricane Hugo, restored the Resort and has continued to expand and improve Wild Dunes over the past 28 years. Most recently, Lowe completed a three-year, \$10 million renovation of the Boardwalk Inn, Links golf course and clubhouse, Grand Pavilion and Sweetgrass Pavilion event space. In 2018, Third Palm Capital joined Lowe as partner in the Resort to allow for continued improvements and expansion of the property.

#### **About Wild Dunes Resort, A Destination Hotel**

Nestled on the northern tip of Isle of Palms, a lush barrier island off the coast of South Carolina, Wild Dunes Resort, A Destination Hotel, is located 30 minutes from the charm and grace of historic Charleston. The Resort occupies 1,600 acres of oceanfront paradise with a variety of accommodations ranging from the AAA Four-Diamond Rated Boardwalk Inn and The Village at Wild Dunes to private condos and luxury home vacation rentals. Offering a year-round menu of championship golf, nationally-ranked tennis, award-winning recreation, spa services and restaurant options, Wild Dunes Resort has been distinguished by many publications and associations as a top destination for families, golfers, tennis lovers, and meeting and event planners. Visit Wild Dunes Resort online on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.