

PROFILE



Wolf Hengst

Executive Chairman

Born in Berlin, Germany, Wolf Hengst was raised on the Mornington Peninsula, Australia. He received his hotel and restaurant training in Switzerland and Germany, before graduating in Hotel Management from Hotel School Heidelberg, Germany.

Mr. Hengst started his career with Hilton International in London and Paris. In 1977 he joined Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. In his role as general manager he opened the first Four Seasons-built hotel in the United States in Washington, DC. The hotel's uniqueness, service standards and success soon became *the* criteria for luxury hotels in the United States, garnering a prominent mention in the opening pages of the bestselling book "In Search of Excellence" by management guru Tom Peters.

Mr. Hengst's career fast-forwarded to his promotion to vice president of Four Seasons in the early 1980s, a period during which Four Seasons opened hotels in various parts of the United States. In 1985 he was promoted to vice president, operations in charge of the Eastern United States, Caribbean and Europe. In this capacity he worked as part of the team that initiated the rapid growth of Four Seasons as the undisputed leader in the luxury category; this push included the first Four Seasons resort as well as full-service spas within hotels in those regions.

When Four Seasons purchased Regent International Hotels in 1992 - then the leading luxury brand of hotels and spas in Asia - Mr. Hengst was appointed chairman of Regent International Hotels and president of Four Seasons Hotels Asia Pacific, headquartered in Hong Kong. In this capacity over the next six years he led the integration of the two companies and their expansion throughout Asia.

He relocated to the Four Seasons Home Office in 1998 to accept the position of executive vice president and in 2000 was chosen to become president, worldwide hotel operations, reporting directly to founder and Chairman Isadore Sharp. By 2006, Four Seasons encompassed 72 hotels in 31 countries employing 33,000 workers. After 30 years with Four Seasons, Mr. Hengst retired in January 2007.

In 2007 Mr. Hengst received an honorary Doctorate degree in Hotel Business Management from Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island, as well as the prestigious Founder's Award from J.D. Power III, founder of J.D. Power and Associates, an honor which the company has bestowed a mere 17 times in its 38-year history. In 2008 he received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Pepperdine University in California. In 2010 Mr. Hengst received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his contributions to the United States as a first generation immigrant.

Mr. Hengst joined the board of Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas in 2008. In 2012 when Pegasus Capital Advisors LP, a private equity group in New York, purchased Six Senses he was appointed executive chairman of the newly acquired company.

Mr. Hengst has lectured at universities around the world including Cornell, Essec Paris, Heidelberg, Houston and Miami. He is board member Emeritus of the University of Houston Hotel School where he served on the board for 20 years. He is board director (and former chairman) as well as original investor of Wahanda.com, an Internet-based company in the Spa, Health and Wellness field headquartered in the UK. Mr. Hengst sits on the board and is nonexecutive chairman of the Alain Ducasse Company in Paris, France. In New York he also serves on the board of the Atlantic Theater Company and the West Side Campaign against Hunger in Manhattan where he resides with his wife, Julia.

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