

HOTEL CASA DEL MAR MANAGEMENT PROFILES

KLAUS MENNEKES

Vice President, Managing Director, Hotel Casa Del Mar & Shutters on the Beach

Klaus Mennekes is Vice President, Managing Director of Hotel Casa Del Mar and Shutters On The Beach, overseeing all operational aspects of the adjacent beachfront sister hotels. He brings three decades of world-class hotel experience to his position, including opening Shutters in 1994 and Casa Del Mar in 1999 as General Manager. Both hotels are managed by The Edward Thomas Management Company. Mennekes launched his distinguished career specializing in food and beverage. He has served as Director of Food and Beverage for The Peninsula Group's prestigious hotels in Hong Kong and Singapore, the Nova Park Elysees in Paris, the storied Badrutt's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz, Switzerland, and Four Seasons hotels in New York, Boston and Chicago. In 1987, he became Assistant General Manager of the Hotel Nikko New York, and in 1989 General Manager of the Hotel Nikko Atlanta.

JAMES BARELA

General Manager, Hotel Casa Del Mar

James Barela was named Hotel Manager of Hotel Casa Del Mar in November 2003, assuming responsibility for overseeing day-to-day operations of the historic landmark hotel. He came to Casa Del Mar with more than 20 years of senior management experience with upscale and historic hotels. Most recently, he was General Manager of the Sheraton Old Town, a landmark hotel in the historic center of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Previously, he served as General Manager of the Las Cruces Hilton Hotel, Las Cruces, New Mexico; the classic Villa Hotel, San Mateo, California; and the historic Stoneleigh Hotel, Dallas.

LAURA MCIVER

Resident Manager, Hotel Casa Del Mar

Laura McIver was named Resident Manager in February 2007. Prior to joining Hotel Casa Del Mar, Laura served as Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for both Hotel Casa Del Mar and its sister property Shutters on the Beach for two years. She also held senior positions in the food & beverage, banquet, and catering departments of numerous impressive hotel companies such as Kimpton, Marriott, and Claremont Resort.

THE EDWARD THOMAS MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Developer and Management Company of Hotel Casa Del Mar

Hotel Casa Del Mar was developed and is managed by a company recognized for its involvement with unique luxury properties. The Edward Thomas Management Company was founded in 1982 by third-generation hotel and real estate investors Edward and Thomas Slatkin, whose family previously owned the legendary Beverly Hills Hotel. In 1994, Beverly Hills-based ETMC opened exclusive Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica. In 1999, after a \$50+ million renovation, ETMC opened a hotel with a history as Santa Monica's "Grande Dame," Hotel Casa Del Mar. Both members of The Leading Hotels of the World, the adjacent, sister and luxury properties are the only hotels in the Los Angeles area

located right on the sand. ETMC's management team includes Partners and Co-Founders Edward and Thomas Slatkin, Principal and Senior Advisor Burton Slatkin, and President/Chief Operating Officer Timothy S. Dubois.

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