



## PRESS INFORMATION

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### **Latest News from The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd.**

*A Round-up of New Members, Interesting News and Timely Packages*

NEW YORK (February 4, 2009) - The Leading Hotels of the World® is pleased to announce that it has accepted the following new member hotels:

#### **New Member Hotels**

Open from May through October, [Lindian Village](#) is located on the southeastern tip of the Greek island of Rhodes. Designed to resemble a typical village it comprises 146 rooms and suites, some featuring private balconies, pools or Jacuzzis, set amid 60 acres of lush gardens and native flora. Spacious interiors in shades of green, blue and white create a serene atmosphere. Restaurants include Almantes, serving a variety of international cuisines, Basil for gourmet fare, Mr. Danton's offering Thai specialties, and Astrocopus for seafood. For recreation, there are swimming pools, tennis courts, a spa and open-air gym. The resort's conference hall can accommodate up to 350 people.

Situated on the west coast of Tenerife in Spain's Canary Islands, [Gran Meliá Palacio de Isora](#) boasts impressive views over the Atlantic Ocean. The extensive resort comprises 609 rooms suites and villas, and offers both family-oriented accommodations and adults-only options. Dining choices include Nami Asian Bistro, offering Eastern cuisines; Calima, for Iberian specialties; Pangea, serving an international buffet; Ocean Club, for tapas, French and Italian fare; and Oasis Beach Grill, for seafood and grilled meats. Among the recreation facilities are the Yhi Spa & Health Club, swimming pools, a meditation garden and children's club. There are also meeting and conference rooms for up to 1,000 people.

Family-owned and managed since 1865, [Beau-Rivage Genève](#) stands on the quays at lakeside, with walking distance of the city's business and banking districts. This discreet 91-room hotel is run with Swiss precision and offers a blend of European charm and *savoir vivre* combined with state-of-the-art communications technology. Guests can savor contemporary gastronomic French cuisine in Le Chat Botté and Thai specialties in Patara. For relaxation, there is a fitness center with Techno-gym equipment. Meeting and conference facilities can accommodate up to 800 people.

Standing in the Al Saad area in the center of Doha, Qatar, [La Cigale Hôtel](#) is ideally situated for either business or leisure travelers. Each of the 225 rooms and suites is appointed with the latest technological amenities, and features panoramic views of the city or – from the top floors - glimpses of the sea. Restaurants include Le Cigalon, serving continental cuisine, Le Central for Mediterranean fare, Trattoria Coffee Shop; and Yen Sushi Bar. Madison Piano Bar & Nightclub, the Cigar Lounge and the Sky View terrace bar are inviting venues for beverages and socializing. In addition to a spa, gymnasium and indoor swimming pool, the hotel has banquet and meeting facilities for up to 1,000 people.

[The Monarch Dubai](#) is located eight kilometers from the international airport, opposite the World Trade Centre, and offers sweeping views of the Arabian Gulf. Each of its 141 rooms and 42 suites has three distinctive areas for working, sleeping and relaxing. Among the restaurant options are Empire for fine dining, Mizaan for international fare, Arcadia for light snacks and afternoon tea, Okku for Japanese specialties, and One-on-One for cocktails and light meals. At Quantum Health Club and Mandara Spa, guests will find ten treatment rooms and an outdoor swimming pool with terrace. A variety of meeting venues can accommodate up to 500 people.

The first Leading Hotel in Uganda, the [Kampala Serena Hotel](#) is situated in the center of the city, overlooking the Parliament buildings. Surrounded by acres of gardens, the hotel offers 152 rooms and suites, each with private balcony, WiFi, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and separate walk-in shower and bath tub. Restaurant choices include Pearl of Africa for international selections, Lakes Restaurant for continental and local fare, Explorer for Italian

cuisine, Bambara Lounge & Pool Bar, and The Mist Bar. For recreation, guests can enjoy Maisha Health Club & Spa and an outdoor swimming pool. There are meeting and conference rooms for up to 400 people.

[Hutton Hotel](#) is the newest luxury offering in Nashville, Tennessee, within walking distance of Vanderbilt University and the city's entertainment district. Opened in February, it has 195 rooms and 53 suites, with in-room refreshment centers and bathrooms featuring granite showers with rainforest showerheads. Dedicated to promoting sustainability in its operations and facilities, the hotel features bamboo flooring and furniture, energy-efficient lighting and electrical installations, and a variety of recycling efforts. 1808 Grille serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, while the Java Bar offers cocktails and light, healthy snacks. In addition to spa treatment suites and a state-of-the-art fitness center, the hotel offers 13,600 square feet of meeting and event space.

Opened in November 2008, [Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort](#), is located on the Riviera Maya on Mexico's Caribbean coast. Accommodations are in 493 suites, each with a private terrace, indoor Jacuzzi and the latest entertainment technology. All-inclusive arrangements enable guests to sample the resort's signature restaurant by Bruno Otieza and Mehl Alonso, as well as Piaf serving French cuisine, Azul and Chaka offering international selections, Sen Lin for Asian fusion gourmet fare, Bistro Restaurant Brasserie, and a variety of cocktail lounges. There are indoor and outdoor pools, a spa with 40 spa suites, a fitness center and children's activity program. In addition, the Grand Velas Convention Center can accommodate up to 3,000 people.

The exclusive resort community of Buenaventura west of Panama City is the site for the new [Bristol Buenaventura](#). Offering 130 rooms and suites designed in Spanish colonial style with contemporary touches, the hotel is on the shores of the Pacific. Each accommodation features a private balcony with a view of the mountains, lake or ocean. Restaurants include Tamarindo for continental cuisine, Terraza Los Cabos for breakfast, Al Fresco for meals at the lakeside, Tagua Pool Grill for Panamanian fare, and El Faro Beach Club for snacks and beverages. In addition to the spa and fitness center, there are equestrian stables, swimming pools, nature trails and an 18-hole championship golf course. Meeting facilities can accommodate banquets for up to 320 people.

The Leading Small Hotels of the World® has added the following properties to its roster:

Originally an 18<sup>th</sup>-century palace owned by the Grand Duke of Tuscany, [Bagni di Pisa Natural Spa Resort](#) is located in the charming village of San Giuliano Terme in the hills overlooking the valley of Pisa. Only six kilometers from the center of town, it is set in a park surrounded by olive trees. The 52 rooms and nine suites are adorned with period frescoes and terracotta to impart a true sense of place. Guests can enjoy cocktails in the Shelley Bar, followed by a sumptuous meal in Dei Lorena Restaurant. For relaxation there are indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and a spa offering thermal baths and a full range of aesthetic and therapeutic treatments.

Situated in one of the most exclusive suburbs in the Moscow region, [Barvikha Hotel & Spa](#) is just eight kilometers from the city center of the Russian capital. Comprising 65 spacious suites – some with fireplaces, others with steam showers and in-room massage cabins – the hotel is characterized by its sleek, modern design by Antonio Citterio. Restaurants include Anatoly Komm, serving modern Russian cuisine, and the spa restaurant, offering light French and European fare. For relaxation, there is an indoor pool, and the Dominique Chenot Spa, with its 17 treatment rooms, creates personalized wellness programs. Meeting facilities can accommodate up to 84 people.

Opened in January, [LeCrans Hotel & Spa](#) evokes images of a classic Swiss ski chalet in the legendary village of Crans Montana. With just 14 rooms and suites, it offers a truly intimate and luxurious atmosphere, complete with the latest high-tech amenities and creature comforts – from plasma televisions to fireplaces. Dining options include LeMontBlanc for French and Valais style cuisine, and Terrace Barbeque for the chef's daily selections, both complemented by the Vinotheque, Cigar Lounge and LeDepot nightclub. Ski-in/ski-out facilities are offered, along with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a spa and a golf course.

### **Achieving Leading Spas Status**

Chateau Hotel de la Messardière in St. Tropez, France, has been accredited as a Leading Spa for 2009. Partnering with La Prairie and Cinq Mondes, this elegant 465-square-meter facility offers a broad range of massages and aesthetic procedures in four luxurious treatment rooms.

Schlosshotel Bühlerhöhe, located close to Baden-Baden, Germany, has also been approved as a Leading Spa for 2009. The spa facility offers a variety of treatments in 11 sumptuous treatment rooms, using La Prairie, Décleor and Thalgo products. Treatment options include Nuad Thai massage, Asian body rituals, Lomi Lomi Nui massages, and medical massages.

### Seeing Stars

Three restaurants at Germany's Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin have recently garnered a Michelin Star – Lorenz Adlon, serving gourmet French cuisine under Chef Thomas Neeser; MA guided by Chef Tim Raue, featuring innovative Chinese creations; and Gabriele, the hotel's Italian restaurant headed by Chef Björn Alexander Panek.

T'ang Court at The Langham, Hong Kong, has been awarded two stars by Michelin in its first-ever Hong Kong Guide, the first Cantonese restaurant to be so honored.

### Culinary Feat

Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL unveils its highly-anticipated Biltmore Culinary Academy. Biltmore Culinary Academy will have scheduled and customized classes serving everyone from beginners through advanced cooks. Guests will enjoy experienced, award-winning chef instructors and hands-on participation in the new state-of-the-art kitchen classroom. Children can also take part in the Culinary Academy with Cooking Summer Camps and Cooking Birthday Parties. For more information, visit [www.BiltmoreHotel.com](http://www.BiltmoreHotel.com).

### Kudos

Adriana, Hvar Marina Hotel & Spa in Hvar, Croatia, has been named a *2009 Grand Award Winner* by Andrew Harper in the January issue of the *Hideaway Report*, a top resource for intelligence on luxury travel and is based on unbiased, first-hand research.

### Celebrating a Milestone

Hotel Palace Praha in Prague celebrates 100 years of outstanding hospitality on April 21, 2009. Throughout the year, the hotel will be offering special packages and creating imaginative menus in the restaurants to mark this notable occasion.

### Sprucing Up

La Brisas Acapulco recently completed a USD 20 million renovation to the entire property. All 263 rooms were refurbished, with the addition of flat-screen televisions, the replacement of existing soft goods, and the enlargement of the bathrooms – including the installation of glass ceilings to allow for natural illumination. The common areas such as la Concha Beach Club, restaurants, and lobby also underwent major revitalization.

### Sailing Away

Guests at Kivotos on Mykonos can charter the resort's private, 80-foot motor sailing yacht for exclusive cruises around the Greek islands. For sample itineraries and reservation information, please contact Philip Michopoulos at [pmichopoulos@kivotosclubhotel.com](mailto:pmichopoulos@kivotosclubhotel.com).

## Seasonal Packages and Promotions

### The Whiteface Lodge Resort & Spa, Lake Placid, New York, USA

#### "Ski Free" Package

- Valid through April 2, 2009
- Based on a two-night minimum, mid-week stay, package offers a free daily lift ticket to Whiteface Mountain (number of gratis lift tickets received based on room type reserved)
- Rates start at USD 286 per night for one-bedroom suite, USD 562 for two-bedroom suite, single or double occupancy (includes resort fees)
- Please refer to booking code PU

### Hotel Le Palais Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

#### Winter Saver Package

- Valid through March 2009
- Rates from EUR 240 per night, double; and EUR 200 per night, single, include:
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Welcome chocolates and fruit upon arrival
- Daily breakfast
- Three-course tasting menu in Restaurant Papillon
- One 30-minute Pure Spa back treatment per person, per stay
- Complimentary mini-bar and in-room coffee- and tea-making facilities
- Admission to health club, sauna, aroma showers, gym
- Tax and service charge
- Two-night minimum stay
- Please refer to booking code PS

### **The Merrion, Dublin, Ireland**

#### *Lead Off Rate*

- Valid through 2009
- Rates start at EUR 245 per night, single or double occupancy (Regularly EUR 460 single, 480 double)
- Please refer to booking code L04

### **The Setai, Miami Beach, FL, USA**

#### *The Setai Experience*

- Valid to April 15, 2009
- Rates from USD 775 per night, single or double, include:
- Welcome champagne amenity
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Three-night minimum stay required
- Please refer to booking code PS

### **Liberty Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

#### *Weekend Rate\**

- Valid through April 30, 2009, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only
- Rates start at USD 250.75 per night, single or double occupancy, and include:
- Daily breakfast
- Access to health club
- Daily newspaper
- Please refer to booking code W2

\* Available only via voice reservations or online at [www.lhw.com](http://www.lhw.com)

### **Hôtel Plaza Athénée, New York, New York, USA**

#### *One More Night 3 for 2*

- Valid through September 7, 2009
- Stay three consecutive nights for the price of two
- Rates start at USD 463.33 per night, single or double occupancy (rate already pro-rated to reflect savings), and include:
- Access to fitness center
- Access to business center
- Shoe shine and newspaper
- Tea and coffee from 5:30 – 7:00 a.m.
- Please refer to booking code L07

**Please note: All programs and packages listed above are subject to availability. Discounts and special offers cannot be combined. Local taxes and service charges are additional. Certain restrictions may apply.**

### **About The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd.**

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