

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Fire & Ice - Raffles Cellar & Grill received three nominations at the TimeOut Dubai Restaurant Awards**

**DUBAI, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008** – Fire & Ice – Raffles Cellar & Grill at Raffles Dubai received two recommendation awards out of three nominations, in the recent TimeOut Dubai Restaurant Awards which recognized the finest restaurants in the city.

The restaurant was nominated for no less than three different categories for “Best International”, “Best Steakhouse” and “Best Newcomer”, and was conferred the “highly commended” awards for “Best Newcomer” and “Best Steakhouse”, a testament to the restaurant’s outstanding culinary offerings, due to its unique dining concept and bustling atmosphere.

The judges of TimeOut Dubai said, “Fire & Ice – Raffles Cellar & Grill impressed us with their superb food and great service in a supremely dramatic setting”.

The prestigious gala dinner and ceremony, organized by TimeOut Dubai, was held at The Monarch hotel on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Considered amongst the profession as a highly regarded event,

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General Managers, Marketing Directors & Managers and of course the Food & Beverage teams from leading hotels in the city, gathered in anticipation of the verdict announcing the city's finest restaurants.

The evening proved to be very successful for Raffles Dubai as The Noble House brought home the highly coveted prizes for "Restaurant of the Year 2008", "Best Newcomer" and "Best Chinese". Hagop Doghramadjian, General Manager of Raffles Dubai, said: "It is a very special honour for Raffles Dubai to have its two signature restaurants, Fire & Ice – Raffles Cellar & Grill and The Noble House, rewarded on the same night and a huge compliment to the team's dedication and efforts. It will give us the extra motivation to constantly improve the quality of our services, and surpass the expectations of our patrons and residents".

Fire & Ice – Raffles Cellar & Grill, with its dark wood panel flooring and brick walls exude a warm, intimate yet sophisticated atmosphere, reminiscent of the classic restaurants in New York City. Offering a menu bursting with new flavours, unusual tastes and creative presentations, chefs at Fire & Ice have developed an innovative cooking method which uses liquid nitrogen to create superb visual effects. The restaurant enjoys a refined Trans-Ethnic cuisine, prepared with fresh products imported mostly from France and delicately combined with a light Japanese influence, with ingredients frequently used in Asia-Pacific, such as lemongrass, ginger and *Wasabi*. The result, a modern cuisine with explosive flavours, is certain to take your senses to new heights.

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## **ABOUT RAFFLES DUBAI**

- Raffles Dubai is an all-suite hotel, featuring 248 palatial suites; each enjoys a minimum of 70 square metres and its own private balcony, offering panoramic views of the city.
- The hotel's four Presidential Suites are also each thematically designed to embrace each of the elements of life - earth, wind, fire and water.

- 11 restaurants and bars offer an exquisite myriad of cuisines and innovative cocktails from around the world. *The Noble House, Asiana Restaurant, New Asia Bar, China Moon Champagne Bar* are located within the glass capstone that forms the top three levels of the hotel.
- One of the highlights at the hotel is its impressive one-hectare tropical Raffles Botanical Garden which displays over 129,000 plants, carefully selected to depict the four elements of life.
- The library at Raffles Dubai houses a vast collection of books on the region's history, culture, heritage and arts.
- RafflesAmrita Spa at Raffles Dubai offers an extensive menu of wellness treatments and indulgences. RafflesAmrita Spa at Raffles Hotel in Singapore and Raffles Resort Canouan Island in The Grenadines are acknowledged as the best spa in its respective destination by prestigious publications such as *The Robb Report*.

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10. Raffles Tianjin Hotel, People's Republic of China (2009)
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