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RAFFLES DUBAI'S ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN EXCELLENCE WINS INTERNATIONAL PRAISE

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SINGAPORE, 18 April 2008 – Within six months of its opening, Raffles Dubai, the latest addition to Raffles Hotels & Resorts' portfolio, has captured the attention of international globetrotters with its striking architecture and timeless design.

Accolades for the unique architecture and design of Raffles Dubai have emerged around the world. A Time magazine feature gave Raffles Dubai its nod of approval for its "*understated grandeur ...heralding good taste within*", while Decoration Mondanite, one of Dubai's leading interior design magazine, cites Raffles Dubai as "*an outstanding example of architectural diversity, successfully marrying Middle Eastern and Asian architectural and design styles*".

Raffles Dubai's striking pyramidal structure takes inspiration from the great pyramids of Egypt, whose graceful edifices have long enchanted and inspired travellers and adventurers. This wonder of the ancient world continues to fire our imaginations and today

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Raffles Dubai stands almost as tall as the original pyramids, soaring 100 meters, with a glass capstone perched at the pinnacle forming the top three levels of the hotel.

Not only does Raffles Dubai's stunning façade make an architectural statement, its interiors also present a treasure trove of design excellence, to deliver the residential charm that Raffles hotels and resorts around the world are renowned for. Society Dubai magazine, describes, "*Judging by the hand-made chocolates in the rooms and the book-fringed, library-style lobby sitting outside the conference rooms, everything has been designed to capture the essence of the company's logo, the symbolic traveller's palm that welcomes all the weary home.*"

Mark Neem, Head of Design & Construction, Raffles Hotels & Resorts, commented, "We are extremely pleased with how successfully the hotel exudes the attributes that are unique to Raffles properties. From the lobby to the library to the suites, each space has been carefully designed and tastefully decorated to create the ambience of cultured luxury and refined elegance that distinguish Raffles hotels and resorts the world over. Suites at Raffles Dubai are designed to resemble stylish apartment residences rather than hotel rooms so that they offer not merely accommodation, but a residential sanctuary that feels like home. In fact, these traits are consistently applied to all Raffles properties, including Raffles Beijing and our new resort Raffles Jimbaran in Bali where our villas will be unmistakably unique."

When asked for details, he adds, "At Raffles Jimbaran in Bali, all bedrooms and bathrooms will lead to an outdoor patio with its own secluded plunge pool, designed to draw upon its surroundings which are peaceful and serene, while upholding the passionate attention to detail one expects from the Raffles name. All villas will feature an ocean view and, with their gracious and luxurious interiors and refined exterior design, guests will be instantly enveloped by Raffles' world renowned blend of culture and service from the moment they arrive."

As Head of Design & Construction for Raffles Hotels & Resorts, Mark Neem ensures that the residential charm, elegant architectural style and refined interior design associated with Raffles hotels and resorts the world over, are maintained to the highest standards in all Raffles Hotels & Resorts' properties.

ABOUT RAFFLES DUBAI

- Raffles Dubai features 248 suites; each occupies at least 70 square metres and has a private balcony, offering panoramic views of the city.
- The hotel's four Presidential Suites are each thematically designed to embrace the different 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 3 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.
- The library at Raffles Dubai houses a collection of books on the region's history, culture and arts.

ABOUT RAFFLES HOTELS & RESORTS

Raffles is a collection of luxury hotels and resorts worldwide, each distinguished by its luxury, elegance and residential charm. Each hotel is a landmark in its respective city, positioned at the top of its local market and rated among the very best in the world.

Raffles' relentless pursuit of service excellence has earned for its hotels and resorts a legion of international accolades, including Condé Nast World's Best Places to Stay and Travel & Leisure World's Best Awards. Its flagship Raffles Hotel Singapore was named Best Hotel in Asia by readers of Ultratravel magazine by The Daily Telegraph and Best Luxury Hotel 2007 by Travel Trade Gazette Asia. Raffles Hotels & Resorts is consistently ranked among the world's top 10 hotel brands in the annual Condé Nast Traveler Business Travel Awards. For more information, please visit www.raffles.com

Raffles Hotels & Resorts is owned by Fairmont Raffles Hotels International, a leading global hotel company with over 85 hotels worldwide under the Raffles, Fairmont and Swissôtel brands. The company also owns Fairmont and Raffles branded Residences, Estates and luxury private residence club properties.

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3. Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
4. Raffles Beijing Hotel, People's Republic of China
5. Raffles L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, United States
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7. Raffles Dubai, United Arab Emirates
8. Le Royal Monceau, Paris, France
9. Raffles Konotta, Maldives (2009)
10. Raffles Tianjin Hotel, People's Republic of China (2009)
11. Raffles Marrakech, Morocco (2009)
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13. Raffles Taimana Tahaa, French Polynesia (2010)
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15. Raffles Tortola, British Virgin Islands (2010)
16. Raffles Manila, Philippines (2010)
17. Raffles Jimbaran, Bali (2010)
18. Raffles Da Nang, Vietnam (2011)
19. Raffles Phang Nga, Thailand (2011)
20. Raffles Praslin, Seychelles (2011)