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RAFFLES HOTEL 12TH ANNUAL WINE FOOD & ARTS EXPERIENCE

Raffles Hotel is heralded for her commitment to presenting luminaries from the culinary world and prestigious wineries at her annual *Raffles Hotel Wine, Food & Arts Experience*. Next year's extraordinary event is its 12th anniversary which will coincide with the hotel's historical 120th anniversary. This spectacular occasion has been scheduled to take place from **5 to 11 February 2007** and it will be a platform to showcase cuisine, wine and living par excellence that will capture the region's imagination.

The annual culinary, wine and art extravaganza is highly anticipated and well received, due to the internationally renowned vintners and Michelin Star-studded chefs, and also to the leading personalities in the culinary scene who grace the event. The likes of Jöel Robuchon, Alain Ducasse, Sébastien Bras, Jean-Pierre Vigato and Jacques and Laurent Pourcel have nurtured long and close association with Raffles Hotel over the years.

The gastronomy maestros who will be presented at the 12th Annual *Wine, Food and Arts Experience* include Three Michelin Star Chef – **Alain Passard** from L'Arpege in Paris, France; Two Michelin Star Chefs - **Thierry Marx** from Chateau Cordeillan-Bages in Pauillac, France; **Eyyind Hellstrom** from Restaurant Bagatelle in Oslo, Norway; **Gaetano Trovato** from Arnolfo Ristorante in Siena, Italy; One Michelin Star Chef - **Christoph Ruffer** from Haerlin Restaurant in Hamburg, Germany; pastry artist **Christophe Adam** from Fauchon in Paris, France and the latest winning chef from **Bocuse d'Or**.

Eminent wineries from world renown wine producing regions include Bordeaux, France - *Château Lynch-Bages*, *Château d'Yquem* / *Château de Fargues* and *Château le Tertre Rôteboeuf*; Burgundy, France - *Bourgognes-Faiveley*; Alsace, France - *Domaine Zind-Humbrecht*; Rhône Valley, France - *Domaine Delas Frères*; Sauternes, France - *Azienda Vitinicola* and Champagne, France - *Champagne Bollinger*. World-renowned wine expert, Oz Clarke from USA, will moderate the wine tasting sessions throughout the week.

The element of art is represented by Per Benjamin, international champion of the Floristry World Cup 2002 and founder of *Benjamin's Botaniska* in Stockholm, Sweden. A sensitive artist whose medium is nature's expression of beauty – flowers, his splendid works-of-art will be interlaced into the elaborate parade of gastronomy. Raffles Hotel, in her artful poise, harmonises these felicitous elements to create rapturous affairs that are destined to inspire awe.

Please visit our website at www.rhwfae.com for more information and to view the past *Experiences*. For dining enquiries and reservations, please call us at (65) 6431 6156 or email wfae.rh@raffles.com.

ABOUT RAFFLES HOTEL

Raffles Hotel features 103 elegantly appointed suites, 18 distinctive restaurants and bars, the world-class RafflesAmrita Spa, Raffles Hotel Arcade housing the best in regional specialities and international brand names, including THOS SB Raffles – an incubator shop offering lifestyle concepts and products as well as a purveyor of fine food and wines, the Raffles Hotel Museum, the Jubilee Hall theatre playhouse, the Raffles Culinary Academy and extensive lush gardens and courtyards.

Raffles Hotels & Resorts (www.raffles.com) is a collection of luxury hotels located in major cities around the globe which distinguishes itself by the highest standards of hospitalities, services and cuisine. Unique with its own distinct personality, each Raffles hotel is a landmark in its respective destination and is rated among the very best in the world. Its relentless pursuit for service excellence has earned Raffles Hotels & Resorts many international accolades, including Top 100 Hotels of the World, World's Best Places to Stay and Top 25 Hotels in Asia, to name a few. The collection of legendary hotels includes Raffles Hotel and Raffles The Plaza in

Singapore, Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia, Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Raffles L'Ermitage Beverly Hills in the US, Raffles Resort Canouan Island, The Grenadines,

Raffles Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, Hamburg, Germany, Raffles Le Montreux Palace, Montreux, Switzerland, Raffles Beijing Hotel, China and Raffles Dubai, scheduled to open mid-2007.

In May 2006, the hotel portfolios of Raffles Hotels & Resorts and Fairmont Hotels & Resorts were combined following the acquisition of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts by Kingdom Hotels International and Colony Capital, transforming the two companies into a single global enterprise with a vision to become the world leaders in the global hospitality industry.

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