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RAFFLES HOTEL 14TH ANNUAL WINE, FOOD & ARTS EXPERIENCE 18 February to 22 February 2009

Raffles Hotel is heralded for her commitment to bringing together internationally acclaimed chefs, vintners and artists from around the world at her annual *Raffles Hotel Wine, Food & Arts Experience*. Next year's extraordinary event in its 14th anniversary is scheduled to take place from *18 February to 22 February 2009*. It will once again 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 participation of prestigious vintners and Michelin Star-studded chefs, and also to the imaginative element of art represented by a leading artist that grace the event.

The gastronomy maestros that are especially lined up for the 14th Annual Wine, Food and Arts Experience include: Three Michelin Stars Chefs – **Bruno Menard** from Restaurant L'osier, Japan; **Maria Luisa** from Al Sorisso, Italy; Espoir Three Michelin Stars – **Philippe Labbé** from Rest La Chèvre d'Or, France; and Two Michelin Stars Chefs – **Didier Elena** from Château Les Crayeres, France.

Eminent wineries, champagne houses and distillery from world-renowned wine producing regions include Bordeaux, France – *Château Figeac*, *Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande* and *Château Haut Brion*; Burgundy, France – *Domaine Ponsot*; Veneto, Italy – *Allegrini*; Reims, France – *Champagne Krug* and *Veuve Clicquot*; and Rech, Germany – *Jean Stodden*. World-renowned wine expert, *Sylvain Ouchikh* from France, will moderate the wines throughout the week.

The element of art is represented by virtuoso performer and veteran French Riviera pianist, American *Jimmy McKissic*. Blessed with expressive vocals and a mesmerizing flair on the ivories, Jimmy is a born artiste who radiates natural charisma and engages with his audience regardless of where he performs. From Carnegie Hall in New York, USA to Raffles Hotel in Singapore, his talent is undeniable and his music truly transcends age and culture, inspiring awe and leaving many spellbound.

Please visit our website at www.rhwfae.com for more information and to view the past Experiences. For dining enquiries and reservations, please 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. To access high resolution, print-friendly photographs of Raffles Hotel, please visit our Private Digital Library: <http://www.leonardo.com/raffles/>

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.

It recently opened Raffles Dubai, a spectacular pyramidal structure which is a magnificent addition to the city's skyline. Located within Wafi, and only 15 minutes from the international airport, Raffles Dubai is ideally placed in the heart of Dubai.

Raffles Hotels & Resorts is owned by Fairmont Raffles Hotels International, a leading global hotel company with over 80 hotels in 25 countries worldwide under the Raffles, Fairmont and Swissôtel brands. The company also owns Fairmont and Raffles branded Residences, Estates and luxury private residence club properties. For more information, please visit www.raffles.com

Raffles Hotels & Resorts' award-winning collection of legendary hotels includes:

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2. Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia
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
6. Raffles Canouan Island, The Grenadines
7. Raffles Dubai, United Arab Emirates
8. Le Royal Monceau, Paris, France
9. Raffles Konotta, Maldives (2009)
10. Raffles Tianjin, China (2009)
11. Raffles St Lucia, West Indies (2011)
12. Raffles Marrakech, Morocco (2010)
13. Raffles Macao, Cotai Strip (2010)
14. Raffles Manila, Philippines (2010)
15. Raffles Jimbaran, Bali (2010)
16. Raffles Tortola, British Virgin Islands (2011)
17. Raffles Da Nang, Vietnam (2011)
18. Raffles Praslin, Seychelles (2011)
19. Raffles Jakarta, Indonesia (2011)
20. Raffles Moscow, Russia (2011)
21. Raffles Cabo San Cristobal, Los Cabos, Mexico (2011)
22. Raffles Olympia, Greece (2011)