



HPL HOTELS & RESORTS ASSUMES MANAGEMENT OF LE MERIDIEN SINGAPORE, RENAMED CONCORDE HOTEL SINGAPORE

Major refurbishment plans are also announced

HPL Hotels & Resorts announces its official takeover of the management of hotel property Le Meridien Singapore and its re-branding to Concorde Hotel Singapore as of 1st October 2008.

It will be the fourth Concorde Hotel under the HPL Hotels & Resorts Group with the first three in Malaysia. Currently, Le Meridien is managed by Starwood Hotel & Resorts Worldwide whose management contract ends in September 2008 and HPL Hotels and Resorts will be taking this opportunity to re-establish the Concorde brand here in Singapore. This is in line with HPL's expansion plans of possibly bringing the brand name to countries such as Thailand, Indonesia and India.

The 417-room hotel is situated in the heart of the business, entertainment and shopping district of Orchard Road and a stone's throw away from the Istana (President's Residence). The hotel will undergo major refurbishment, including all rooms and facilities.

It will be business as usual and to ensure that there will be minimal inconvenience or disturbance to guests and visitors to the Concorde Hotel Singapore, work will be carried out in several phases - commencing November 2008 and targeted for completion in the first quarter of 2010.

This four-star business class hotel comprises 31 suites, including the Opal and Jade Suite (Presidential Suite), 293 Deluxe Rooms and 93 Premier Rooms. The updated suites and rooms will reflect a chic design with sleeker lines, more spacious lodgings, larger desk space and upgraded amenities that will make a guest's stay a memorable one. Guests of Premier Rooms can also expect a classy new Premier Lounge (former Le Club Lounge) for private check-ins as well as all the amenities needed for private business meetings with complimentary non-alcoholic and hot beverages.

Meeting and banquet facilities will also be upgraded, with 17 rooms of varied capacities to accommodate 10 to 800 guests. The lobby will present an elegant space with leather furnishings, feature walls and burnished orange and black hues, all of which will be illuminated by natural light that falls through the glass ceiling by day, and ambient lighting by night.

Other than Nogawa Japanese restaurant, new food and beverage outlets include Spices, Spices Lounge, Lobby Lounge and Pool & Bar

ANDREW KHOO, GENERAL MANAGER

HPL Hotels & Resorts has appointed Mr Andrew Khoo as General Manager of Concorde Hotel Singapore. With experience in the hospitality business spanning an impressive 36 years, Mr Khoo has been managing hotels under HPL Hotels & Resorts Group for over 13 years, of which 6 years were as the Resident Manager of the then Concorde Hotel Singapore at Havelock Road.

Mr Khoo comes from his last appointment as General Manager of Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya, a position he held for the past eight years before being invited to Concorde Hotel Singapore to oversee the handover, refurbishment work and eventually, the operations of the new establishment. Under his leadership, Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya was awarded the Best Hard Rock Hotel by Hard Rock International headquartered in Orlando, Florida.

When asked about the new appointment, Mr Khoo said “These will be exciting and challenging times for the Concorde brand and the HPL Group as a whole as we move forward with our plans to expand the brand in Singapore and the region. Guests familiar with the Concorde brand have always associated it with quality and good service. They will not be disappointed and will have lots to look forward to with our refurbished rooms and upgraded facilities.”

About HPL Hotels & Resorts

Headquartered in Singapore, HPL Hotels & Resorts is a hospitality management company, operated and wholly-owned by a Singapore main-board listed, Hotel Properties Limited (HPL). HPL Hotels & Resorts currently manages the activities of eight hotels and resorts in Asia Pacific and the Indian Ocean. These include Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Concorde Hotel Shah Alam, Concorde Inn Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Hard Rock Hotel Bali, Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya, Casa del Mar – Langkawi, The Lakehouse – Cameron Highlands, Rihiveli Beach Resort – Maldives and Kandooma – Maldives. Another two new properties are scheduled to open soon: Concorde Hotel Singapore in October 2008 and Hard Rock Hotel Penang in mid 2009. For more information, visit www.hplhotels.com.