



CORINTHIA HOTELS

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Press Release

CORINTHIA HOTEL LONDON OPENS ITS DOORS ***Five Star Flagship Launches as a 21st Century Grand Hotel***

9th May 2011 – Corinthia Hotel London today announced its doors are open to the public. Corinthia's new flagship is a landmark property and joins the ranks of London's finest 5-star luxury hotels. Combining traditional grandeur with modern freshness, the luxuriously redesigned Victorian destination is ideally located in the heart of London, a short walk from many of the city's major attractions.

"The project marks the culmination of an exciting journey," says General Manager Matthew Dixon. "Corinthia Hotel London is an intricately restored grand hotel with a 21st century approach. Its modern elegance is defined by a blend of classic Victorian architecture with outstanding craftsmanship and contemporary art, mirroring the energy, style and history of the area. Guests are offered all the modern luxuries whilst enjoying an authentic experience in a hotel and location with heritage."

Corinthia London has already established its name amongst a number of international celebrities and London influencers. Some of the biggest names in cinema, art, culture, media, fashion and luxury have visited for a first look, and recent preview events have included parties in conjunction with the BAFTAs, Vanity Fair, GQ and Condé Nast Traveller.

The newly reconstructed flagship hotel features two world-class restaurants. Garry Hollihead, winner of Michelin stars at three different establishments, is at the helm of The Northall. The restaurant celebrates the best of British artisanal produce, including Cumbrian short horn cattle, together with an extensive selection of organic and biodynamic wines by the glass and by the bottle. The hotel's Mediterranean speciality seafood restaurant, Massimo Restaurant and Oyster Bar, is headed by the renowned Italian chef patron Massimo Riccioli.

Bassoon, the musically inspired bar designed by the award-winning David Collins Studio, serves both molecular cocktails and colonial inspired drinks from its boutique spirits library. Elegantly discreet, it is expected to be a popular destination for Londoners as well as international guests.

The heartbeat of the hotel is its Lobby Lounge. The space offers a residential feel enhanced by an eclectic mix of furniture and bespoke artworks. The soaring dome in the center is adorned with the pioneering Full Moon chandelier created by Parisian designer Chafik

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Gasmi and produced by Baccarat, the prestigious French crystal manufacturer. The Full Moon, composed of 1,001 crystal baubles, is the grand focal point of the main hotel area. Lobby Lounge guests can take afternoon tea and indulge in innovative creations by celebrated Pastry Chef Claire Clark or enjoy an evening cocktail.

Corinthia Hotel London commissioned twin brothers Ian and Richard Abell, founders of Based Upon, to create a unique artwork piece for the hotel's reception and custom built doors for the lobby elevators. The ninety six-square-foot bronze artwork in the reception area features the River Thames meandering through the city of London with a true replica of each building on its banks, with Corinthia at its center. Casts of leaves from Northumberland Avenue and St James's Park were taken to create the textural marks for the elevator doors, adding a delicate touch.

Award-winning international spa company ESPA has partnered with the hotel to launch its flagship ESPA Life at Corinthia. Spanning 35,520 ft² and on four floors, this magnificent spa features 17 treatment rooms, a private spa suite, nail studio, indoor pool, vitality pool, amphitheater sauna, ice fountain, marble heated lounges, private sleep pods, a state-of-the-art gym and Daniel Galvin hair salon. ESPA has enlisted exceptional therapists, naturopaths, acupuncturists, osteopaths and physiotherapists offering guests a new level of spa and wellness in a five-star luxury setting.

Located on the mezzanine floor are six private executive level meeting rooms, conveniently linked through to the mezzanine dining area of The Northall for a private lunch or dinner. Five of the meeting rooms are fitted with a state-of-the-art high definition optical turnkey system that effortlessly allows total connectivity for media broadcasting, recording, editing and mixing.

The hotel features 294 guest rooms, including 43 suites. The sumptuously appointed rooms, averaging 485 ft², are among the largest in their category in London's luxury hotel market. With no restrictions on check-in and check-out times, Corinthia Hotel London has dedicated itself to providing guests ultimate flexibility, convenience and comfort during their stay.

For more information on Corinthia Hotel London visit www.corinthia.com/London

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- 1.** Bassoon Bar at Corinthia Hotel London.
- 2.** Corinthia Hotel London exterior.

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About Corinthia Hotels

Corinthia Hotels is a collection of five-star hotels founded by the Pisani family of Malta. The

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Corinthia brand remains true to its roots as a family business, fired by a passion for craftsmanship of care, devotion to detail and intuitive, warm services. Each of our luxury hotels and resorts created in some of the most intriguing areas of the world is a unique tribute to local architecture and cultural traditions. Members of Corinthia's extended family are committed to the values of honest and discreet service. Corinthia Hotels' portfolio includes the award-winning Corinthia Hotel Budapest in Hungary, Corinthia Hotel Prague in the Czech Republic, Corinthia Hotel St Petersburg in Russia and Corinthia Palace Hotel & Spa in Malta. The portfolio also features Corinthia Hotel St George's Bay in Malta, the superior five-star Corinthia Hotel Tripoli in Libya, and the modern Corinthia Hotel Lisbon in Portugal. The latest addition to the portfolio is Corinthia Hotel London, which will soon be followed by Corinthia Taormina Golf Resort in Sicily, Italy, due to open in 2012.