

Hyatt Regency Brand Debuts in Dushanbe

CHICAGO (March 18, 2009) – Hyatt Hotels & Resorts announced today the opening of the 202-room Hyatt Regency Dushanbe, its first hotel in Tajikistan. The only hotel in the city bearing an international brand, Hyatt Regency Dushanbe raises the bar for the local hospitality industry, and will serve as a symbol of growth and renewal for the community by providing promising careers and world-class hospitality and amenities. The hotel opens in time for the start of the spring season, which ushers in festivals and celebrations, and draws business and leisure travelers to the region.

Hyatt Regency Dushanbe, located in the city center on the main Ismoili Somoni Avenue by the grounds of the City Park, is adjacent to Lake Komsomol; and near the Ismaili Center -Jamatkhana and the new Presidential Palace. The hotel is in close proximity to the city's embassies, government offices and ministries; and is a 15-minute drive from Dushanbe International Airport.

"Tajikistan is positioned to become one of the world's top producers of minerals and metals, thus ensuring its commercial viability into the coming decades. The opening of Hyatt Regency Dushanbe affords business pioneers from around the world the opportunity to conduct business in a Hyatt property that is every bit as sophisticated and modern as those in North America, Europe and Asia," said Gebhard Rainer, managing director, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts – Europe, Africa, Middle East.

Design

Designed by the Columbus, Ohio office of global architectural firm, NBBJ, in conjunction with HAS Architects Ltd. of Istanbul, the hotel, which is one of the area's tallest buildings, boasts a z-shaped exterior, which is a distinctive, modern addition to the city. Previously, NBBJ completed other projects for Hyatt in Asia and North America. The hotel interiors reflect Dushanbe's flavor and style and are complimented by state-of-the-art technologies offering modern and traditional luxury to business and leisure travelers. Internationally acclaimed designers BBG-BBGM styled the interiors of the hotel. The firm has also completed projects for Hyatt in China, Malaysia, and the United States.

Guestrooms

The 202 guestrooms, including 42 suites, at Hyatt Regency Dushanbe combine distinctive architecture and contemporary design with traditional hospitality and attentive service. The guestrooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows offering spectacular mountain views of the Hisor range and surrounding peaks. In-room amenities include 37-inch LCD televisions, tech-smart desks with broadband Internet connectivity and easily accessible electrical outlets. Spacious bathrooms feature bathtubs, rain showers, and heated floors. The hotel also offers the exclusive Regency Club®.

The suites of the hotel are well designed for long-stay guests and feature a separate living room, a spacious bedroom and a walk-in closet. Connecting Regency rooms can extend the living spaces of all suites. All guests staying in suites have access to the **Regency Club** where they will find complimentary amenities such as continental breakfast; pressing services; tea, coffee and sodas available throughout the day; and cocktails each evening. Suite guests are also welcome to use the exclusive Regency Club boardroom, which can accommodate meetings for up to six people.

In addition to Regency Club access, guests staying in suites may take advantage of additional services including transfers to and from the airport; in-room check-in; fresh fruit platter or fruit basket; and complimentary Internet access throughout the hotel.

Banquet and Meeting Space

Hyatt Regency Dushanbe offers more than 15,000 sq ft (1,400 sq m) of conference and banquet space, suitable for a large variety of functions from discreet board meetings to large banquets and state functions. Event space includes a 5,300 sq ft (500 sq m) pillar-less Regency Ballroom, seven meeting rooms and two boardrooms.

Restaurants and Bars

A memorable three-meal dining venue, **Foccacia Grill**, features an open kitchen; a wood-burning oven; a charcoal grill; the retail outlet, Pastry Shop; and a distinctive private dining room. Foccacia Grill offers a contemporary menu filled with dishes from Mediterranean and international cuisines. Other food and beverage options at the hotel include The Bar and The Lounge.

The elegant **Lounge** features beautiful interior design, comfortable sofa arrangements and intimate corners and an outdoor terrace. The indoor lounge offers seating for up to 30 guests and the outdoor terrace can accommodate 40 guests. The Lounge is located on the main lobby level and has a bright atmosphere during the day and is a dramatic setting at night. Throughout the day, the Lounge offers light fare and snacks and serves tea, coffee, perfectly blended cocktails, and selection of premium beverages.

In front of the fire at **The Bar** is the ideal place to meet in the evening and unwind from the day. The Bar is located on the main lobby level, seats 50 guests, and offers a selection of vodkas, whiskeys, wines and champagne.

Health and Wellness Facilities

Due to open in April, the latest Hyatt Pure spa, **Spa Sayohat**, will offer advanced treatments and massages designed to

rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Spa Sayohat will treat guests in one of its five treatment rooms, two couples rooms, or the relaxation room. A sauna, steam bath, cold plunge, Jacuzzi, and juice bar will be available for spa guests to enjoy before or after a session in massage therapy, hydrotherapy, or cosmetology.

Also opening in April, the hotel's fitness center will feature an indoor heated swimming pool; an exercise studio offering classes in yoga, aerobics, pilates and taekwondo; and a workout room with state-of-the-art cardiovascular Life Fitness equipment.

Authentic Service and Warm Hospitality

Hyatt Regency Dushanbe is set to become the city's preferred business hotel. It will be identified by its warm and attentive service, professional commitment and world-class product. The hotel will also become known for its authentic, novel food and beverage concepts and elevated service standards maintained by well-trained staff, which will mark the beginning of a new era for the hospitality industry in the country.

Requests will be personally facilitated, special menus will be orchestrated to meet guests' needs and lavish parties will be events made to remember. Health and spa professionals will be available to develop personalized wellness programs, to give consultations, or simply to book a treatment. Service excellence will be the hotel's key mantra.

Dushanbe Points of Interest

- Dushanbe, a European-style city, is located in the Hisor Valley at 2,700 ft (823 m) above sea level, and is the financial, political, administrative, and cultural capital of Tajikistan. All of the country's major government offices and embassies are located in Dushanbe.
- Cultural attractions of note in Dushanbe are the Gurminj Museum, featuring traditional Tajik music instruments; the Museum of Musical Culture; the Tajik Museum of National Antiquity; the Behzod National Museum, highlighting Tajik history and culture; and the Tursun Zade Museum, built to honor the life of Tajik poet Mirzo Tursun Zade.
- The Hissar Fortress, one of the most significant historical sites of Tajikistan, located approximately 9 miles (15 km) west of Dushanbe, showcases the power, trade and culture of the ancient Tajik nation.
- Measuring 984 ft (300 m), the world's tallest dam is located on the Vakhsh River, approximately an hour drive southeast of Dushanbe. Founded in 1961, the Nurek Reservoir, the home of the dam, is the main supplier of electricity to the country. From the top of the dam, there is a spectacular view of the crystal clear water surrounded by red rock hills.

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