

## -Hyatt Hotel and Residential Complex Offers Lavish Arabian-Style Retreat-

□ **CHICAGO (March 22, 2009)** - [Hyatt Hotels & Resorts](#) announced today the opening of [Grand Hyatt Doha](#), a hotel and residential complex, which is the latest addition to Qatar's luxury hospitality offerings and the first Hyatt hotel to be built in the country.

Situated in Doha's new West Bay Lagoon district, Grand Hyatt Doha is located on 38 acres (155,000 sq m) of idyllic beachfront and offers 249 well-appointed guest rooms along with 91 private residences. The hotel is located just minutes from the city's financial and commercial centers, and places of cultural and historical interest, including the newly launched Museum of Islamic Art. Business and leisure travelers to the area will find it convenient to the Doha International Airport, only 12.5 miles (20km) from the property.

The hotel, with its magnificent old-world exterior design and modern furnishings, will provide the highest quality accommodation to the growing numbers of domestic and inbound visitors discovering Doha as an ideal destination for business, meetings, culture and sport.

"As one of the world's top three energy centers, Doha has quickly become a major global business destination, making it a natural fit for the scale and style of Grand Hyatt. The hotel and residences are situated in Doha's stylish West Bay area, and will provide both local and visiting guests with many firsts, from personalized service to luxurious accommodation. We look forward to introducing the world's business community to Qatar's unique version of Arabic hospitality," said Peter Fulton, managing director, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts – South West Asia.

### ***Design***

HBA/Hirsch Bedner Associates, a leader in hospitality interior design worldwide, is responsible for the hotel's unique design. Key features include spectacular public spaces, an oversized atrium, and a grand lobby featuring a floor-to-ceiling, 55 ft (17m) glass window. The property also offers three outdoor swimming pools, one indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped fitness center, and a large day spa. Grand Hyatt Doha is set along a private quarter-mile (400 meter) beach.

The property's locally inspired interior architecture recreates the traditional elegance of an Arabian palace with palatial entryways and public spaces. Lighting plays a key role in highlighting certain elements - creating moods and changing scenes throughout the day and night. Qatari-based artist, Nijenbandring De Boer, has been commissioned to produce paintings inspired by local scenery and traditional art, which are featured prominently in the hotel.

### ***Guestrooms, Suites and Residences***

Grand Hyatt Doha boasts 249 spacious and stylish guestrooms beautifully designed using rich woods to complement fine textiles. The 39 premium suites range in size from nearly 861 sq ft (80 sq m) to 2,200 sq ft (205 sq m), and open onto large balconies with panoramic views of the beach and landscaped gardens. All rooms provide spacious marble baths that open up to the guestrooms and some suites feature large balconies furnished with dining tables, day beds and lounging chairs.

In addition to its 249 guestrooms, the hotel offers 91 private residences with a choice of two, three or four bedrooms. The residences provide a sanctuary of comfort and convenience for those who prefer home essentials while enjoying the hotel's full services, facilities and amenities. Each residence is appointed with multiple flat-screen televisions, iPod® docking stations, dual line and wireless telephones, Internet access and safety deposit boxes.

### ***Banquet and Meeting Space***

In total, the hotel features more than 23,000 sq ft (2,200 sq m) of function space laid out over two floors. The large conference center features a magnificent 16,000 sq ft (1,500 sq m) ballroom, divisible into three; eight meeting rooms; and three boardrooms. For the convenience of guests, chilled indoor car parking is available with 564 spaces providing direct access to the ballroom and meeting rooms.

### ***Restaurants and Bars***

The hotel's four innovative restaurants, **The Grill**, **Isaan**, **Rocca** and **Biscotti**, are individually designed concepts showcasing the finest cuisine from around the world. The signature restaurant, **Issan**, serves authentic Thai cuisine prepared in an open kitchen, which allows diners to observe the culinary techniques of world-class chefs. The hotel also offers two lounges. At **Dunes**, the main bar, guests can relax among fine wine displays and sample wines and spirits from around the world along with premium cigars.

## **Health and Wellness Facilities**

The **Jaula Spa** (Arabic for “journey”), a Hyatt Pure spa, is set in an elegant garden where indoor tranquility pools create a serene, rejuvenating atmosphere. Hyatt Pure signature treatments will take place in luxurious suites assigned separately for ladies, gentlemen and couples.

## **Hyatt in the Middle East**

The opening of Grand Hyatt Doha further strengthens the presence of Global Hyatt in the fast-growing Middle East region. Park Hyatt Dubai, Grand Hyatt Dubai, Hyatt Regency Dubai and Grand Hyatt Muscat have established themselves as leading hotels in the region, winning international awards for service and style.

## **Doha Points of Interest**

In addition to the world famous events organized by the Qatari government in Doha, such as Qatar Masters in Golf and Qatar Moto GP, numerous other leisure activities are available including desert safaris, deep-sea fishing, various water sports, equestrian activities and falconry.

The new Museum of Islamic Art, just minutes from Grand Hyatt Doha, houses a collection of Islamic artwork dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> century to the 19<sup>th</sup> century including manuscripts, ceramics, metal, glass, ivory, textiles, wood, and precious stones from three continents.

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