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Stamford Hotels and Resorts Collect 'Australia's Leading Airport Hotel' Award in Travel Industry 'Oscars'

(Hong Kong, July 14, 2008) – WORLDHOTELS affiliates Stamford Hotels and Resorts has collected the 'Australia's Leading Airport Hotel' accolade in the 2008 World Travel Awards.

The group's Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport hotel was honoured in the prestigious awards, hailed as the "Oscars of the travel industry" by the Wall Street Journal.

Stamford Hotels and Resorts is Australia's largest regional collection of luxury hotels with properties in Auckland, Brisbane, Sydney (CBD, Airport, North Ryde and Double Bay), Melbourne and Adelaide.

"This is great news for Stamford Hotels and Resorts," said Roland Jegge, Vice President Asia-Pacific, for WORLDHOTELS, the leading global hotel group for independent hotels and regional brands. "We have been very successful partners since 2002."

More than 167,000 travel professionals vote in the travel industry's most prestigious and comprehensive awards programme.

"It is especially rewarding to win top honours in voting by fellow professionals," added Mr Jegge. "It is due recognition for a group on a mission to be "exceptional in every sense", he added.

The Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport is just minutes from both domestic and international terminals.

Stamford Hotels and Resorts operates nine premium quality hotels representing a total of 2,300 rooms.

"Continued investment in the ongoing development of our hotel product shows our commitment to remaining Australia's leading luxury hotel group" said Mr Thomas Ong, COO of Stamford Hotels and Resorts.

Stamford Hotels and Resorts began operations in 1996 and is named after the founder of Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles. The group acquired ten of Australia and New Zealand's finest and most innovative hotels to create the formidable brand.

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- WORLDHOTELS is the longest established Europe based global hotel group for independent hotels and regional hotel brands.
- The company's strong emphasis is on properties with character and distinction. It has almost 500 affiliate properties in more than 300 destinations and 70 countries worldwide.
- Under the banner "Unique Hotels for Unique People", WORLDHOTELS offers business and leisure travellers a wide choice of individualistic accommodation options in three distinct collections – Deluxe, First Class and Comfort.
- WORLDHOTELS' guests benefit from an extensive portfolio of partnerships, including frequent flyer programs from 18 of the world's leading international airlines, including Air France/KLM, United Airlines and Lufthansa.
- To its affiliate hotels, WORLDHOTELS provides a wide range of sales, marketing, distribution and related services.

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