



Capella Hotels and Resorts to Debut in Ireland With Opening of Capella Castlemartyr This August

COUNTY CORK, IRELAND (April 6, 2007) – In the bucolic country village of Castlemartyr and within the Castlemartyr resort, Capella Hotels and Resorts will open its first hotel in Ireland this August. Called Capella Castlemartyr, the hotel will be the manifestation of all that the Capella Hotels and Resorts brand will offer – luxurious amenities, unsurpassed attention to detail, a commitment to individualized service and unmatched experiences in hospitality. With Castlemartyr, Capella Hotels and Resorts introduces a classic, country manor house, reminiscent of a gentler time, yet with every modern convenience and amenity one could wish for.

Capella Castlemartyr is a 17th century manor house set on 220 acres that include the ruins of a thousand-year-old castle. Rich in Irish culture and charm, the historic estate was once owned by the Knights Templar and the Third Earl of Cork. Each of the 103 spacious guest suites – 85 standard suites, 11 manor suites and an extraordinary Presidential Suite – range from 500 to 3,000-square feet and are being brought to life by renowned designer Peter Silling of Hotel Interior Design (HID). Gracious, comfortable interiors are the rule, and an expansive two bedroom Presidential Suite with a sitting room, dining room, sauna and private elevator access, is poised to be a favorite spot in-residence.

Amenities and offerings at Capella Castlemartyr will be unique and unsurpassed. Two Irish Setters, Earl and Countess Cork, will greet guests upon arrival; conveniently, leashes, coats and Wellingtons are at hand near the entrance to encourage leisurely walks with the dogs through the estate's grounds and gardens. The Knight's Bar will be the hotel's social focal point with its blazing fire, baby grand piano and fully restored Rococo ceiling, and the Bell Tower, the hotel's fine dining room, will serve cuisine prepared with the finest local, farm fresh ingredients. Auriga, the 16,000 square-foot wellness, spa and fitness center comprises 10 treatments rooms, vitality pools, an ozone treated water swimming pool, steam room, saunas, a spa suite, a yoga and Pilates studio and a spa café. An 18-hole links-style golf course will be another draw. The challenging and visually pleasing course, created by renowned golf course designer Ron Kirby, is poised to be another one of the region's memorable courses when it opens this fall.

The resort's lush, expansive grounds are home to a swan lake, an historic chapel, Mitchell's Woods and the tomb of the Third Earl of Cork. Picnic lunches can be arranged along the estate's meandering paths and outdoor lounges, complete with log fire pits, are ideal spaces in which to enjoy cigars and seasonal cocktails.

While Capella Castlemartyr will tailor the guest experience to individual needs, all guests will be exposed to the core elements of Irish culture. Whether they are ushered to the local beekeeper to procure honey for tea, or go boating with a local fisherman to secure that evening's dinner, all can be arranged at a moment's notice. Irish culture will be integrated into the resort experience, whether in the form of readings by well-known local authors or Irish dancing performances in the garden.

“Our hallmark at Capella Castlemartyr – from genealogy to horse and carriage rides with cashmere throws and hot mulled wine at the ready – is a genuine, unforgettable Irish country house experience without compare,” said Peter Bowling, general manager, Capella Castlemartyr. “There will be no better way to experience Ireland than through a stay at Castlemartyr.”

Nightly rates begin at 540 Euro. For more information, call (353)-21-464 4050 or visit www.capellacastlemartyr.com.

Capella Hotels and Resorts serves today's top-tier travelers and residential property owners and is setting a new standard in the hospitality industry. Capella promises the unique benefits of the finest boutique hotels, including superb architecture and interior design, privacy, individualised service and attention to detail – combined with the amenities and activities of the world's great luxury hotels and resorts. Capella, led by founder Horst Schulze, is a brand focused on customer choice, and offers choices that no other hotel company in the world can match. Capella is opening world-class properties in gateway cities and high-profile resort destinations around the world, including: Capella Telluride (Telluride, Colorado); Capella Singapore (Sentosa Island, Singapore); Breidenbacher Hof, a Capella Hotel (Düsseldorf, Germany); Capella Pedregal (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico); Capella Castlemartyr (Cork, Ireland); Capella Dunboy Castle (Castletownbere, Ireland); and Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel (Velden, Austria). Learn more at www.capellahotels.com

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