



## **Capella's Star Rises with Michelin and Gault Millau Honors at Schloss Velden**

### ***The Brand's Debut Hotel Receives Prestigious Accolades for Schlossstern, its Fine Dining Restaurant, and Signature Auriga Spa in Less Than Six Months of Operation***

VELDEN, AUSTRIA (December 5, 2007) – When Capella Hotels and Resorts debuted with the opening of Schloss Velden in May, it did so with a promise to provide uncompromising and top-tier experiences for guests. If recent accolades are any indication, it has succeeded - within a few short months of its opening, Schloss Velden has received recognition from two of Europe's most prestigious and influential culinary ratings organizations. Under the direction of Chef Silvio Nickol, Schlossstern, the hotel's fine dining restaurant, has earned a one star rating from the prominent Michelin Guide Austria and has been awarded 17 out of a possible 20 points by Gault Millau Austria.

Schlossstern succeeded in meeting the Michelin Guide's list of five criteria which includes quality of products, mastery of flavor and cooking, "personality" of cuisine, value for the money and consistency between visits. Gault Millau, one of the most significant French restaurant guides, gives points strictly based on the quality of the food served. And, in its first year of rating spa experiences, Gault Millau named the hotel's signature Auriga spa and wellness center the best in Austria.

"The recognition from Michelin and Gault Millau at Schloss Velden is a true honor," said Horst Schulze, President, Capella Hotels and Resorts. "To receive such

accolades so quickly validates Capella's commitment to providing customized and bespoke experiences for our guests."

Schloss Velden is located in the breathtaking Austrian lakeside village of Velden and is a renowned landmark in the Carinthian region. Schlosstern serves dinner nightly Wednesday through Saturday and lunch on Sunday afternoons, and will close from January 9 – February 26, 2008. In addition to world-class dining in Schlosstern, the hotel offers guests a selection of local and international fare at Seespitz, its sleek and modern lakeside restaurant.

Auriga, Capella Hotels and Resorts signature spa and wellness center, is comprised of a 30,000-square-foot spa, 14 private treatment rooms, personal training space, a 130-foot indoor vitality pool, steam room, whirlpool, world-class fitness center, an interactive golf simulator and a grotto-like ice room complete with falling snow .

For more information or to make a reservation, please call (877) 247-6699 or visit [www.schlossveldencapella.com](http://www.schlossveldencapella.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, individualized 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 Bahia Maroma (Riviera Maya, Mexico); Capella Pedregal (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico); Capella Ixtapa (Ixtapa, Mexico); Capella Dunboy Castle (Castletownbere, Ireland); and Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel (Velden, Austria). Learn more at [www.capellahotels.com](http://www.capellahotels.com).

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