



Best New Hotel Brand? Capella Hotels and Resorts Earns 'Hot List' Awards From Condé Nast Traveler for Schloss Velden

Capella's first hotels to open to the public also named to Robb Report Luxury Resorts' "100 Ultimate Escapes" list

ATLANTA (May 1, 2008) – Since opening its first hotel to the public in 2007, Capella Hotels and Resorts has been “hot.” The vision of legendary hotelier Horst Schulze, Capella has delivered on its promise to “raise the bar” in luxury hospitality, and guests and reviewers alike have taken notice. The new brand received additional accolades recently, as Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel, located in Velden, Austria, earned a ‘best new hotel’ award in their respective country from *Condé Nast Traveler’s* coveted ‘Hot List.’ In addition, Schloss Velden’s Auriga Spa garnered ‘best new spa’ honors for Austria. Schloss Velden was also among luxury resorts honoured by *Robb Report Luxury Resorts’* “100 Ultimate Escapes,” in the bi-annual magazine’s Summer 2008 issue.

To date, Capella Hotels and Resorts has announced plans for ten hotels worldwide, including Breidenbacher Hof, a Capella Hotel in Düsseldorf, Germany, set to open on May 19th, 2008. Additional openings are set for Capella Hotels and Resorts in Mexico, Singapore, Ireland and the United States.

If results at the initial Capella Hotels are any indication, guests have rewarding experiences ahead of them. At Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel, which

opened in May of 2007, guests enjoy an incomparable Alpine lakeside setting. The hotel features 105 guest rooms in the stunningly restored “Chateau Velden” and a newly created modern wing. Guests are treated to amenities including a Michelin rated restaurant, wine bar, cigar room, ballroom, indoor and outdoor pools and a 30,000 square-foot Capella-signature Auriga spa. Schloss Velden’s stylish Beach Club and private Marina afford guests the opportunity to relax lakeside or enjoy recreation on the transparent waters of Lake Woerth.

Condé Nast Traveler commented, “An international crowd comes here for short break R and R, creating a cosmopolitan vibe that’s also reflected on the menu of the hotel’s excellent Schlosstern Restaurant.” In separately awarding the hotel’s Auriga Spa the only ‘best new spa’ award for all of Austria, *Condé Nast Traveler’s* editors called the spa, “stunning,” and highlighted Auriga’s signature approach linking treatments to lunar cycles.

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: Breidenbacher Hof, a Capella Hotel (Düsseldorf, Germany); Capella Bahia Maroma (Riviera Maya, Mexico); Capella Castlemartyr (Cork, Ireland); Capella Dunboy Castle (Castletownbere, Ireland); Capella Ixtapa (Ixtapa, Mexico); Capella Niseko (Niseko, Japan); Capella Pedregal (Cabo San Lucas, Mexico); Capella Singapore (Sentosa Island, Singapore); Capella Telluride (Telluride, Colorado); and Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel (Velden, Austria). Learn more at www.capellahotels.com

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