



SCHLOSS VELDEN

A CAPELLA HOTEL

VELDEN, AUSTRIA

The Experts at Condé Nast Traveler and Robb Report have Weighed In: Schloss Velden is an “Ultimate” “Hot” Spot

Velden, Austria (1 May 2008)- Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel, has earned two coveted spots on *Condé Nast Traveler's* 12th annual Hot List, the magazine's prestigious guide to the world's hottest new hotels, spa, restaurants and nightclubs. Discerning editors at *Condé Nast Traveler*, the widely read authority on world travel, visited hundreds of hotels around the globe and selected 139 of the most luxurious and innovative hotels and resorts to top this year's elite list. Schloss Velden earned recognition as Austria's "Hot Hotel" and Auriga was named a "Hot Spa." Additionally, Schloss Velden was among luxury resorts honored by *Robb Report Luxury Resorts'* "100 Ultimate Escapes" in the bi-annual magazine's Summer 2008 issue.

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 Schlossstern Restaurant." In separately awarding the hotel's Auriga Spa, the only spa award given for all of Austria, *Condé Nast Traveler's* editors called Auriga, "stunning," and highlighted its signature lunar cycle treatments. Moreover, *Robb Report Luxury Resorts* stated that Schloss

Velden is “like a golden crown upon this modest resort town near the Carinthian Alps.”

“We are immensely honored that Capella’s debut hotel and its Auriga spa have been recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Robb Report Luxury Resorts*, two of the most respected magazines in the United States,” said Horst Schulze, president and CEO of Capella Hotels and Resorts. “This recognition affirms our commitment to providing the finest travel experiences for our guests.”

Schloss Velden’s list of accolades is growing. The hotel’s fine dining restaurant, Schlossstern, earned its first Michelin star in November 2007 under the tutelage of Chef Silvio Nickol - an extraordinary accomplishment made all the more so by its timing just five months after the hotel’s opening. Additionally, Schlossstern earned an extraordinary 17 points out of a possible 20 from French rating organization Gault Millau, which also named Auriga the best spa in Austria.

Schloss Velden is located in the breathtaking Austrian lakeside village of Velden. Guests are treated to amenities including its Michelin rated restaurant, wine bar, cigar room, ballroom, indoor and outdoor pools and a 30,000 square-foot 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. For more information, call (877) 247-6688 or visit 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

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