



## **Schloss Velden Earns Further Culinary Acclaim As Its World-Class Schlosstern Restaurant Receives A Second Michelin Star**

VELDEN, AUSTRIA (December 18, 2008) – Within just 18 months of opening, Schlosstern, the signature, fine dining restaurant of Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel in Velden, Austria, has been awarded its **second Michelin star** rating. To date, only a dozen international restaurants have been honored with a second Michelin star within two years of opening and this year, Schlosstern has been recognized along with only two other restaurants in Austria. Led by rising culinary star Chef Silvio Nickol, the team at Schloss Velden continues to strengthen its standing as an alluring destination for gourmands.

Schlosstern received its first Michelin star in November 2007, only six months after the resort's opening. For the second consecutive year, Schlosstern has successfully surpassed the Michelin Guide's list of essential criteria which includes five categories: quality of products, mastery of flavor and cooking, "personality" of cuisine, value for the money and consistency between visits. The second Michelin star rating joins a host of other important accolades the resort has garnered since debuting the Capella brand last year. Schlosstern earned an extraordinary 18 points out of a possible 20 from Gault Millau, one of the world's most significant restaurant guides. Additionally, Silvio Nickol, was

honored with the “Newcomer of the Year” award by *Fallstaff Magazine*, the most widely-read gourmet publication in Austria, which also rated Schlosstern the number one restaurant in Carinthia. Most recently, *Condé Nast Traveler* named Schloss Velden as Austria’s “Hot Hotel” on its annual Hot List, the magazine’s prestigious guide to the world’s hottest new hotels, spas, restaurants and nightclubs. The resort was named one of *Robb Report Luxury Resorts’* “100 Ultimate Escapes.”

“When Capella Hotels and Resorts launched in May 2007 with the opening of Schloss Velden, we promised to deliver unprecedented service and the highest quality amenities, including the finest epicurean offerings,” said Bob Warman, executive vice president and COO, Capella Hotels and Resorts. “We’re proud to continue delivering on that promise.”

Schlosstern’s dinner prices start at €95,00 per person and accommodations start at €250,00 per room. For more information or to make a reservation, please call (877) 247-6699 or visit [www.schlossveldencapella.com](http://www.schlossveldencapella.com).

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. In addition to world-class dining in Schlosstern, the hotel offers guests a selection of local and international fare at Gault Millau-recognized Seespitz, its sleek and modern lakeside restaurant.

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