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Luxury hotels redefined as Harbour Grand Hong Kong Opens in spring 2009

Hong Kong's luxury hotel category is to be redefined with the opening of Harbour Grand Hong Kong, Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts' new five-star hotel, in spring 2009.

This newly built splendid hotel represents Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts' first finest luxury category, an entirely innovative concept in the arena of luxury hospitality. The Harbour Grand category offers exceptional accommodation, impeccable service and unsurpassed hospitality for business and leisure travellers with the most discerning tastes.

Harbour Grand Hong Kong is ideally located in the heart of Hong Kong Island and enjoys unobstructed views of the world's renowned beautiful Victoria Harbour, Kowloon peninsular skyline and Central district of Hong Kong. Offering first-class services, this magnificent property is set to reshape the landscape of deluxe hospitality in the region.

Announcing the opening of Harbour Grand in spring next year, Group Managing Director of Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts Mr Raymond Chow said Harbour Grand Hong Kong would further strengthen the hotel group's hotel portfolio.

"The opening of Harbour Grand Hong Kong in spring next year is opportune as Hong Kong sees a quantum growth of visitors in recent years, both business and individual travellers," Mr Chow said.

The newly developed prestigious 41-storey hotel boasts a total of 828 elegantly designed guest rooms and suites, 12,685-square-foot of meeting and banquet facilities, and five restaurants and bars featuring culinary excellence of world-famed cuisines, all meticulously fashioned to provide refined accommodation, facilities and amenities for the most elite of business and leisure travellers.

Designed with the balance of sophistication and modern simplicity, the guest rooms are the combination of latest technology and distinctive comfort, with all featuring LCD TVs, wired and wireless broadband Internet access, DVD players and bathrooms with rainforest showerheads and oversized bathtubs.

Perfectly situated in the midst of fashionable shopping centres and commercial offices in Causeway Bay, Wanchai and Central, Harbour Grand Hong Kong is also within walking distance to the convenient underground transportation system. Hotel shuttle services are regularly scheduled to take guests to major local destinations, making it an ease to go around the town.

"Harbour Grand Hong Kong will be a stunning addition to the city's skyline. Its modern sensibility and stylish flair craft an exceptional experience. It redefines luxury hospitality.

"It is exceptional, for the exceptionals," Mr Chow said.

Harbour Grand Hong Kong is the latest addition to Hutchison Whampoa's hotel group, which manages seven properties in Hong Kong, namely, Harbour Plaza Hong Kong, Harbour Plaza Metropolis, Harbour Plaza North Point, The Kowloon Hotel, Harbour Plaza Resort City, Rambler Oasis Hotel, Rambler Garden Hotel, as well as Harbour Plaza Chongqing in Mainland China and the Our Lucaya resort in the Bahamas.

Guests staying on the Executive Floors also have access to the exclusive Harbour Club Lounge, where they can enjoy daily complimentary breakfast, afternoon tea and evening cocktail and personalised butler services. Designed to allure the most demanding travellers, private outdoor heated Jacuzzi is available in some of the 231 suites. To cater for the long staying guests, 85 of the suites are fitted with modern pantries.

Occupying over 6,200 square feet of meeting and banquet space, the pillarless Grand Ballroom is proud to possess a ceiling height of over 19 feet, exuding the grandeur of its class. Eight function rooms from 450 to 1,050 square feet offer the flexibility for a variety of events. All are fully equipped with the latest audio-visual technology and wired / wireless Internet connectivity.

A variety of authentic cuisines ranging from international and continental to Japanese and Chinese will be provided in the hotel's five restaurants and bars. The Sky Lounge located on the top floor will offer guests a breathtaking sanctuary with sweeping views across Hong Kong.

Other revitalising facilities offered by the hotel include an outdoor heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi, a state-of-the-art fitness centre with the latest equipment, and spa and massage facilities featuring traditional and innovative treatments that rejuvenate the body and soul of guests on the road.

Mr Benedict Chow, currently General Manager of Harbour Plaza North Point, is appointed General Manager of Harbour Grand Hong Kong.

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