

The Regent Kuala Lumpur Marks the Latest Global Expansion from Regent Hotels & Resorts

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New Luxury Hotel and Residences to Join Regent Hotels in China, Developments in the Maldives, Thailand and the Philippines

Regent Hotels & Resorts announced the development of The Regent Kuala Lumpur, continuing the brand's global expansion. Opening fall 2011, the 250-room hotel will also feature 102 luxury apartments, The Regent Residences, Kuala Lumpur.

This new Regent property in Malaysia will be located in the city center, in the capital's 'Golden Triangle.' The property will offer dynamic city views and easy access to cultural and architectural sites, including the iconic 1,483-foot-tall Petronas Twin Towers and the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC).

Bjørn Gullaksen, president of the Regent Luxury Group, noted that The Regent Kuala Lumpur adds further momentum to the brand's global expansion. 'Offering an iconic heritage of luxury that was born in Asia-Pacific, we are pleased to be expanding Regent Hotels & Resorts to key destinations around the world,' Gullaksen said.

'The development of The Regent Kuala Lumpur is an important part of our strategy to establish the flagship brand in the Carlson Hotels portfolio in every major gateway city across Asia,' added Martin Rinck, president and managing director, Carlson Hotels Worldwide - Asia-Pacific. 'We are continuing to evaluate prime locations for more Regent hotels, as well as for our luxury Regent resorts, and we expect to announce further developments in the near future.'

Regent Hotels & Resorts in the region include two award-winning properties in China, The Regent Beijing and The Regent Shanghai, as well as The Grand Formosa Regent Taipei and The Regent Singapore.

Regent will dramatically increase its presence in Asia-Pacific in the coming months, with four additional openings planned through 2009. Upcoming developments in the region include The Regent Maldives (December 2008), The Regent Phuket, Thailand (March 2009), The Regent Bangkok, Thailand (2009), and The Regent Manila Bay, the Philippines (winter 2009).

Openings across the globe in 2008 include the just-opened The Regent Bordeaux, France, The Regent Bal Harbour, Florida (March 2008) and The Regent Boston at Battery Wharf (summer 2008).

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