



**RAFFLES HOTELS & RESORTS APPOINTS PETER FRENCH
AS REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA**

(September 2011) -- John Johnston, President of Raffles Hotels & Resorts, has announced the appointment, with immediate effect, of PETER FRENCH as Regional Vice President - Europe, Middle East & Africa for Raffles Hotels & Resorts.

Mr French will continue his role as General Manager for Raffles Dubai. In his new role he will take on operational oversight for Royal Monceau-Raffles Paris and Raffles Praslin Seychelles as well as new Raffles hotels under development in EMEA.

John Johnston said:

“Peter’s outstanding job in leading the team in Dubai is reflected in the hotel’s impressive performance. He brings a wealth of international luxury experience to Raffles with in-depth background in operations, sales and marketing, human resources, finance, redevelopment, repositioning and transition. We are embarking on a new phase of expansion and Peter’s experience in project development will be invaluable. I am delighted to make this appointment.”

Over the course of his career, Peter French has been involved with luxury hotel operations around the globe, building up a formidable reputation, at home in the UK, and throughout the industry. He was General Manager / VP of Operations & Development for Mandarin Oriental Hotels Group from 1975-1986. He returned to Hong Kong as General Manager to lead the complete renovation and repositioning of its flagship hotel, the Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, from 2004-2009.

A seasoned and accomplished hotelier, Peter has also worked as General Manager in prestigious hotels including The Sukothai in Bangkok, The Carlyle in New York and Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Peter was nominated for “Hotel Manager of the Year” by the American Hotel and Catering Institute and Virtuoso, The Association of American Travel Agents. He is a Fellow of Hotel Catering and Institutional Management Association.

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ABOUT RAFFLES HOTELS & RESORTS: Raffles Hotels & Resorts is an award-winning, luxury international hotel company with a history dating back to 1887 with the opening of Raffles Hotel, Singapore. The portfolio currently comprises nine luxurious properties, from secluded resorts to chic hotels in key locations around the world: in Singapore, Cambodia, China, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles and Paris, each one is an oasis of calm and charm. The company is embarking on a new phase of expansion, with openings in Istanbul, the Maldives, Indonesia, the Philippines and China scheduled over the next two years. With a compelling mix of cultures and styles, every hotel in the Raffles family has its own individual personality, with its own story to tell and its own sense of place. However, each one is proud to draw on the timeless essence of Raffles – to deliver thoughtful, personal and discreet service to well-travelled guests.

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