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THE RITZ-CARLTON, MILLENNIA SINGAPORE LAUNCHES THE FIRST ART COLLECTION PODCAST

SINGAPORE – 31 July 2007 – Guests staying at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore may now experience the first self-guided podcast art tour of the hotel's modern art collection. Frank Stella, Dale Chihuly, David Hockney and Henry Moore are just some of the artists featured in the podcast. The art collection at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore is considered by many to be among the finest corporate modern art collections in Singapore and Southeast Asia, comprising of 4,200 pieces. Valued at approximately S\$5 million, 90 percent of the works were specially commissioned for the hotel including approximately 350 major, "museum quality" pieces.

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore is pleased to be the first hotel in Singapore to offer the self-guided tours to our guests. Recognizing the interest that art tours might have to art aficionados as well as hotel guests, guests may download the link of the 28 minute art tour directly from the hotel's login page when they sign up for Internet connection.

The podcast presentation highlights a selection of the hotel's works which are predominantly "pop art" or colour field pieces, an American art style that dates to the 1960s. California-based art consultant and curator Ms. Elizabeth Weiner, who assisted in assembling this collection, describes the artworks as "vibrant expressionism." Guests will be able to listen to the artist's profile and history, background music as well as the placement of the art pieces which enhances the distinctive contemporary architectural design of the hotel.

"The podcast of our self-guided art tour offers a unique and personal experience for our guests and potential guests and an opportunity to showcase our esteemed art collection," said Allan Federer, general manager.

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The art tour begins with a brief introduction on the hotel's architecture and design by Pritzker-award winner Kevin Roche. Guests' initial introduction to the collection leads them to in viewing the strikingly beautiful sculpture by Zhu Wei located at the driveway of the hotel. The pair of life-sized fiberglass figures in Mao suits is reminiscent of the Xi-An terracotta warriors bowing forward with a contemporary automaton feel. Following which guests will be greeted by "Cornucopia," Frank Stella's three tonne (2,800 kg.) roof sculpture, suspended in the lofty entrance area.

As guests venture through the hotel lobby area down to the first level, they will witness the sheer scope of the hotel art pieces and sculptures that distinguishes the tour from most museum visits. Beginning from the lobby level, guests will be able to view many of the limited edition art pieces by David Hockney, Henry Moore, Andy Warhol and Sam Francis. The rest of the works are from well-established contemporary American artists such as Dale Chihuly, Larry Zox, Elsworth Kelly, Rainer Gross and Malcolm Morley.

The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore is a 608-room luxury hotel located in Marina Centre, the largest and fastest growing business and commercial centre in Singapore. Set amidst seven acres of tropical landscape, all of the hotel's exceptionally large rooms and bathrooms have panoramic views of the sea.

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