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South Africa: Rezidor to open a new Radisson in Johannesburg

The Rezidor Hotel Group arrives in South Africa's largest city Johannesburg: In late 2008, the company will open the new Radisson Sandton, Johannesburg – located in the upmarket business district Sandton north of the city centre, featuring 256 rooms and 27 suites. The hotel will be a landmark in town and synonymous with the generation of Radisson's "new breed" hotels.

"South Africa is an upcoming destination for business and leisure travellers", comments Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of The Rezidor Hotel Group. "The government has prioritised tourism as a key economic sector, and international arrivals increase continuously – we are expecting new heights in 2010 when the country hosts the FIFA World Cup." With the existing Radisson and Park Inn hotels in Cape Town, as well as the recently signed Radisson hotel in Port Elizabeth, this marks another milestone of the development and commitment of The Rezidor Hotel Group in South Africa.

The Radisson Sandton, owned by Sandton Isle (Pty) LTD, will be located close to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Convention Centre, some of the country's best shopping malls and golf courses; the international airport is 18 kilometers away. Services of the property will include a restaurant with wine tower bar, 8 conference rooms, a pool and a sundeck. Guests will also have direct access to a Planet Fitness Platinum flagship gym and a wellness health spa.

Sandton has become the new financial centre of South Africa and is Africa's premier business centre. Furthermore, it is home to the Sandton Convention Centre, one of the largest convention centres on the continent and primary site of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (also known as "Rio + 10"), which Johannesburg hosted.

Facts & Figures:

Property:	Radisson Sandton, Johannesburg (to open)
Rooms:	283

Between 2007 and 2009, Rezidor will add 20.000 rooms to its portfolio.

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The Rezidor Hotel Group is one of the fastest growing hotel companies in the world. The group features a portfolio of 288 hotels in operation and under development with more than 59,800 rooms in 47 countries.

*Rezidor operates the brands **Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts**, **Regent International Hotels**, **Park Inn** and **Country Inns & Suites** in Europe, Middle East and Africa, along with the goldpoints plusSM loyalty programme for frequent hotel guests. Rezidor has signed a worldwide license agreement with the Italian fashion house Missoni, in order to develop and operate a lifestyle hotel brand of the same name: **Hotel Missoni**.*

In November 2006, Rezidor was listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. With 35%, Carlson Companies is currently the main shareholder.

The Corporate Office of the Rezidor Hotel Group is based in Brussels, Belgium.

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