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World Travel Awards 2011: Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow voted as World's Leading Luxury Business Hotel

The Best of the Best

The Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow has won the prestigious World Travel Awards 2011: The Russian flagship of Radisson and historical landmark of Moscow has been voted as World's Leading Luxury Business Hotel 2011.

"We are honored to receive this outstanding award", said General Manager Wolfgang Nitschke at the red-carpet Grand Final of World Travel Awards in Doha, Qatar. "The Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow has yet again proven its position as one of the best luxury business hotels around the globe. Our guests experience Moscow's rich historical and culture heritage combined with industry leading first class standards and services. In addition we must thank our owners Zarakh Iliev and God Nisanov who have continually worked hard to provide a superior, world class product. Without this dedication awards like this would not be possible", continued Nitschke.

"We are very proud of the Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow. The award is a fantastic achievement for this flagship's team, and a milestone for the development of Radisson to a leading global brand", commented Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of Rezidor, the operator of the property.

World Travel Awards has been described as the "Oscars of the travel industry" (Wall Street Journal). It was launched in 1993 to acknowledge and recognise excellence in the global travel and tourism industry. Votes are cast by 213,000 travel professionals including travel agencies, tour and transport companies and tourism organizations in more than 160 countries.

Luxury in the Heart of Moscow

The Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow is one of the legendary "Seven Sisters" – the Soviet skyscrapers masterminded by Stalin. Designed by leading Soviet architects Arkady Mordvinov and Vyacheslav Oltarzhevsky, the monumental 34-storey-building was constructed between 1949 and 1957. The property reopened its doors in April 2010 after an extensive 3-years renovation – it features today 497 elegant guest rooms & suites as well as 38 serviced

apartments. For its most demanding business clientele, the Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow comprises a dedicated Executive Floor with personalized service. The hotel's 13 versatile meeting rooms offer an elegant venue for conferences & events. Two conference & banqueting halls are spread across 450 square meters and host up to 280 guests for a cocktail reception and up to 150 for a gala dinner. The business centre features state-of-the-art technical equipment, and staff is available to assist with any request. Delegates can use free high-speed internet access, as well as the hotel library that offers a wide selection of books.

Guests at the Radisson Royal Hotel enjoy fine dining in Moscow without ever leaving the grounds. The hotel's 9 restaurants and bars belong to the best in town – among them the Iranian “Farsi”, the Japanese “Takasa” and Arkady Novikov's “Tatler Club”. The Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow even offers the opportunity for a lunch or dinner on the Moskva River: Yacht Restaurants with all-the-year-round navigation run from the hotel along the most picturesque sights of the Russian Capital.

The rooms and public spaces of the building are decorated with a collection of paintings, which comprises more than 1,200 original master works by Russian artists created in the first half of last century. Near the reception area, guests can admire an absolutely unique Diorama named “Moscow - the capital of the USSR”: On a total surface of 400 square meters and reduced in scale 1:75 it presents the historical centre of Moscow in the year 1977 when it was created.

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Further awards & achievements of the Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow include:

- *Russia's Leading Luxury Hotel 2011 and Europe's Leading Luxury Business Hotel 2011 by World Travel Awards (September 2011)*
- *Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor (May 2011)*
- *The Hot List 2011 by Conde Nast Traveller (April 2011)*
- *Best restoration, historical and cultural preserved object - 2010 award at the international DENKMAL exhibition led under patronage of UNESCO (November 2010)*
- *Russia's Leading Luxury Hotel 2010 by World Travel Awards (October 2010)*
- *Society-Extraordinary award by Seven Stars And Stripes organization (September 2010)*