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Rezidor announces and opens the Radisson Blu Fürst Leopold Hotel, Dessau / Germany

The Rezidor Hotel Group, one of the fastest growing hotel companies worldwide, announces the Radisson Blu Fürst Leopold Hotel, Dessau in Germany. The former Steigenberger property with 204 rooms is already operating as a Radisson Blu hotel.

“This project brings our portfolio of hotels in operation and under development in Germany to 51 properties and proves the importance this home market has for us”, says Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of Rezidor. “At the same time, it strengthens our good relationship to our franchise partner Grand City Hotels which already operates 5 of our hotels in the country”, continues Ritter. “Radisson Blu is one of our most important strategic partners”, adds Christian Windfuhr, CEO of Grand City Holland BV. “This established and international brand covers our upper upscale segment and targets a sophisticated clientele. A further plus is the global marketing for meetings and events – Radisson Blu is a strong player in this sector”, ends Windfuhr.

The Radisson Blu Fürst Leopold Hotel, Dessau is well located in the city centre, within walking distance to the theatre “Anhaltisches Theater” and the train station. Besides 204 spacious guest rooms, the property features the “Restaurant Fürst Leopold” where international and regional cuisine is prepared in an open show-kitchen, the “JU Bar”, nearly 600 square meters of conference and meeting space, and a luxurious in-house spa. The hotel originally opened in 1994 and was renovated from 2004 to 2006.

The historical city of Dessau is in Eastern Germany, 100 km southwest of Berlin and 50 km north of Leipzig. The surrounding area boasts four UNESCO world heritage sites, including the Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz, and several premier examples of Bauhaus architecture (it was the location for the Bauhaus art school, which is widely regarded as one of the most significant art schools of the 20th century). The Bauhaus-influence is also evident in the hotel’s architecture, with its clear lines and bold design.

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About The Rezidor Hotel Group

The Rezidor Hotel Group is one of the fastest growing hotel companies in the world. The group features a portfolio of more than 400 hotels in operation and under development with more than 86,300 rooms in over 60 countries.

*Rezidor operates the brands **Radisson Blu Hotels & Resorts**, **Regent Hotels & Resorts**, **Park Inn** and **Country Inns & Suites** in Europe, Middle East and Africa, along with the goldpoints plusSM loyalty programme for frequent hotel guests. Under a worldwide licence agreement with the iconic Italian fashion house Missoni, Rezidor also operates and develops the new lifestyle brand **Hotel Missoni**.*

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

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

For more information on Rezidor, visit www.rezidor.com

About Grand City Hotels

*With currently 80 hotels in Germany and the Netherlands, **Grand City Hotels** is the leading hotel management company in Germany. Grand City has more than 10,000 hotel rooms and records 2,5 million guests annually.*

The hotels in the two- to four-stars segment are managed by Grand City and operated under the own brand "Grand City Hotel", or under renowned brands such as Radisson Blu, Mercure, Best Western, Holiday Inn, Four Points by Sheraton, Ramada and Ibis.

Grand City Hotels provides overall management, coordination between franchisor and owners, sales & marketing, revenue management, purchasing, controlling, business development, e-commerce and acquisitions. Further information on the hotel portfolio can be found at www.grandcityhotels.com.