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Sofitel hotels receive recognition from Trip Advisor and Travel + Leisure

Paris, 8th February 2007 – Sofitel, the prestige brand of Accor hotels, has just received very significant recognition from the North American viewers of “Trip Advisor”, a leading Internet site for holiday research, as well as readers of the magazine Travel + Leisure.



Sofitel New York

Amongst the establishments chosen by Trip Advisor’s viewers, the **Sofitel New York** is classed 1st out of the Top 10 best North American hotels and 16th out of the Top 100 best hotels in the world. In the category of the 25 best American hotels, **the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, Sofitel Philadelphia and Sofitel Lafayette Square, Washington DC** have all received recognition. In the rest of the world, the **Sofitel Buenos Aires** is classed 2nd out of the Top 10 best South American hotels, the **Sofitel Demeure Grand Amsterdam** is ranked among the five best hotels in the world, and the **Sofitel Saint James, London, Sofitel Roma** and the **Sofitel Lisboa** are all amongst the 100 most luxurious hotels in the world.

The guests of Sofitel New York benefit from an exceptional location in the heart of Manhattan, between Fifth and Sixth Avenue and just a few moments away from the theatres of Broadway. In Chicago, the spectacular Sofitel Water Tower, designed by Jean-Paul Viguier, offers impressive views of Lake Michigan and is near to the famous “Magnificent Mile” on Michigan Avenue. Installed in the former building of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the Sofitel Philadelphia is situated near to the historic town center. Lastly, to stay in the nation’s capital, travelers will choose the Sofitel Lafayette Square Washington DC, a few moments from the famous Smithsonian American Art Institute, the main monuments and Embassy Row, the area of embassies.

Travel + Leisure selected 7 establishments in the 2007 guide of the 500 best hotels: Sofitel The Grand Amsterdam, Sofitel Palais Jamai in Fez, Sofitel Royal Angkor, Sofitel Metropole Hanoi, Sofitel Lafayette Square in Washington, Sofitel Philadelphia and Sofitel Chicago Water Tower.

Sofitel The Grand is a magnificent establishment in the heart of the town which has been registered as a historical monument. In 1966 it also accommodated the marriage of Queen Beatrix. The Sofitel Palais Jamai, former residence of the Grand Vizir, surrounded by a magnificent Andalusian garden, overlooks Fez and its medina. In Asia, the Sofitel Royal Angkor is in a unique location as it's the nearest hotel to the Temple of Angkor. In Hanoi, the Sofitel Metropole is straight out of a legend; this colonial construction has been proudly standing in the town center since 1901.

Sofitel: 200 premium hotels around the world

Because no one country or city is the same, Sofitel has made each of its 200 hotels around the world a truly unique establishment. Combining the spirit of each place with the values of modernity, refinement and absolute comfort, they are all imbued in their inimitable way with the French "art de vivre".

Whether their setting is a great business metropolis like Paris, New York or Bangkok, or nestling in the landscape in Indonesia, Polynesia or Brazil, each Sofitel hotel offers travelers a genuine haven of peace. So that each guest, for an overnight stay or longer, during a business trip or for a holiday, can enjoy the rich variety of these unique places in comfort and tranquility.

Accor, European leader in hotels and tourism, global leader in corporate services, operates in nearly 100 countries with 160,000 employees. It offers to its individual and corporate clients nearly 40 years of expertise in its two core businesses:

- **Hotels**, with the **Sofitel, Novotel, Mercure, Suitehotel, Ibis, Red Roof Inn, Etap Hotel, Formule 1 and Motel 6 brands**: over 4,000 hotels and 475,000 rooms in 90 countries, as well as strategically related activities, such as **Lenôtre**, ambassador of the gastronomy 'à la française' worldwide;
- **Services to corporate clients and public institutions**: 21 million people in 35 countries benefit from **Accor Services** products – meal and food vouchers, people care, incentive and loyalty programs.

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