"IT LIST" OF 30 BEST NEW HOTELS REVEALED IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S JUNE ISSUE

T+L Editors' Top Picks for 2008 Include Qualia in Australia, Hotel Terra in Jackson Hole, and Haymarket Hotel in London

New York, NY (May 14, 2008) – Mandarin Oriental Riviera Maya; Posada de Mike Rapu, Explora en Rapa Nui, Easter Island; J.K. Place Capri; and Banyan Tree Maldives Madivaru are among the 30 properties named to *Travel + Leisure*'s **It List 2008** of best <u>new hotels</u> around the globe, chosen by the magazine's editors. From stylish beach resorts to newly redone city hideaways to eco-friendly retreats, *T+L*'s It List covers six continents with hotels ranging in price from \$155/night to \$4,600/night. This highly selective third annual list is featured in *Travel + Leisure*'s June issue and online at www.travelandleisure.com/itlist.

NORTH AMERICA

- + El Silencio Lodge & Spa, Bajos del Toro, Costa Rica
- + Mandarin Oriental Riviera Maya, Riviera Maya, Mexico
- + La Purificadora, Puebla, Mexico
- + Regent Bal Harbour, Bal Harbour, Florida
- + Hotel Terra, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- + The Plaza, New York, New York

SOUTH AMERICA

- + La Merced del Alto, Cachi, Argentina
- + Hotel Fasano Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- + Posada de Mike Rapu, Explora en Rapa Nui, Easter Island, Chile
- + Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa, San Pedro, Chile

EUROPE

- + Cotswolds88hotel, The Cotswolds, England
- + The Connaught, London
- + Haymarket Hotel, London
- + Hôtel Le Bellechasse, Paris
- + Le Meurice, Paris
- + J.K. Place Capri, Capri, Italy
- + Casa dell'Arte, Bodrum, Turkey

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

- + Riad Meriem, Marrakesh, Morocco
- + Hôtel Nord-Pinus Tanger, Tangier, Morocco
- + Azura Lodge, Benguerra Island, Mozambique
- + Onguma Plains, The Fort on Fisher's Pan, Etosha, Namibia

ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND

- + Qualia, Hamilton Island, Australia
- + Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, Australia
- + JIA Shanghai, Shanghai, China
- + Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur, India
- + Peninsula Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
- + Banyan Tree Maldives Madivaru, Madivaru, Maldives
- + The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Te Awanga, New Zealand
- + St. Regis Singapore, Singapore
- + Six Senses Hideaway Yao Noi, Yao Noi, Thailand

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