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THE GLAMOUR IS BACK - CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE REGENT ESPLANADE ZAGREB

ZAGREB, 22 November, 2004 ... The magnificent landmark property The Regent Esplanade Zagreb celebrated its Grand Opening November 11. Dating back to 1925, the hotel is one of the most famous and gracious buildings in the capital of Croatia constructed for the travellers of The Orient Express. After extensive renovation the hotel is reopened as The Regent Esplanade Zagreb.

Renowned for its highly personalised and impeccable service, the hotel has now become a centre of Zagreb's social life, counting numerous politicians, movie stars and musicians amongst its distinguished visitors. The renovated hotel offers ultimate comfort, classic sophistication and the highest degree of attention to detail.

Kurt Ritter, President and CEO of Rezidor SAS Hospitality comments : "I am absolutely thrilled to have this flagship property in our portfolio. The Esplanade Hotel in Zagreb used to be the epitome of style and elegance in the city. Through the Regent brand, we fully intend to uphold all of these traditions and values but in a way that is relevant now to a modern and forward thinking city like Zagreb."

This Grand Opening event was announced the country's best social event of the year by the national press. The theme for the Opening celebration was inspired by hotel's rich history and it's relationship with The Orient Express. Marc Fontanelle, the hotel's Executive Chef and his team prepared more than 150 different exquisite dishes related to this theme. More than 200 people participated in organising this glamorous event.

The Regent Esplanade Hotel is a magnificent landmark building that offers all modern comforts, while retaining the charm of its original Art Nouveau. The hotel has 207 individually designed guest rooms, a grand restaurant in a modern style, a classic contemporary cocktail bar, and an elegant French bistro, complete with glazed conservatory and outdoor terrace extending on to one of Zagreb's elegant piazzas. While relaxing in luxury, guests can enjoy the fine cuisine and selected local and international wines.

The spa and beauty treatments are available at the exclusive Health Club. The hotel is equipped with modern technology and services, including a complementary high-speed Wireless Internet connection. A grand ballroom, well equipped conference rooms, business facilities and parking, complete the hotel's impressive list of facilities.

The hotel is superbly situated in the city center, a five-minute walk from the main business and shopping area. International rail links are within easy access and Zagreb Airport is only sixteen kilometers from the hotel.

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