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Braemar Lodge Infuses Select With Wine And Alpine Views

The brand new property to be known as **Select Braemar Lodge and Spa, Hanmer Springs** and managed by **Select Hotels & Resorts International Management Pty Ltd** will open July 15th 2008. The only lodge of its kind in the area known as the Alpine Pacific Triangle of the South Island, Select Braemar Lodge and Spa is located on an elevated plateau minutes from Hanmer Springs' thermal spa and 90 minutes north from Christchurch International Airport.

Select's Operations & Spa Consultant, Wolfgang Grimm, has created his vision of a 5 star spa for Braemar by incorporating techniques from Asia and bringing over 35 years experience in boutique hotel & spa management to the property. The **Wine Spa Lounge** will offer unique wine treatments that are considered to firm the skin and slow down the aging process due to vine's high antioxidant content. Guests will enjoy the piece de resistance of bathing in wine with a glass of vino in hand, followed by an invigorating massage with grape seed oil and finishing with a champagne facial. The spa is completed with a gymnasium, plunge pool and treatment rooms overlooking the tranquil hills and will be welcoming guests 08th September 2008.

The Central Facility of the lodge comprises of the reception, library lounge, bar and the Altitude restaurant open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Away from the centre of the lodge, Braemar continues to indulge guests with the 24 open plan guest suites of 60+sqm featuring floor-to ceiling windows and doors, contemporary natural-toned décor, sumptuous designer furnishings and a super Californian king-size bed with a separate lounge area. A flaming gas fire will provide winter warmth from the surrounding snow capped mountains: a beautiful backdrop when guests relax at the end of the day in their private terrace's outdoor Jacuzzi.

The Lodge is also designed to cater to executive meetings and small to medium sized

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functions with a choice of 3 rooms - the Oval Boardroom, the Gallery or the unique round Rotunda Room with the property's pristine natural setting ideal for meetings and team-building activities.

Ralph Kelly, Select's Managing Director, says, "We are extremely pleased to announce the opening of this exciting Select property and to be expanding our management expertise to New Zealand where Select has established an enviable reputation as a marketing group. We believe Select's industry expertise and innovative management programs will ensure **Select Braemar Lodge and Spa, Hanmer Springs**, successfully contributes to the growth of this beautiful region as a rapidly developing tourist destination and to the success of our group. We have plans to rapidly expand our management division and grow Select Membership to 100 hotels within eighteen months. Further management deals are pending in Australia, New Zealand and China on other unique properties in stand-out locations".

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For more information: <http://braemarlodge.businesscatalyst.com/index.html>

Select Hotels & Resorts International NZ portfolio overview: www.selecthotels.com

New Member joins Select from the shores of Lake Wanaka.....

Nestled within the spectacular Southern Alps - in the South Island of New Zealand - **Edgewater Resort Hotel** offers a relaxing haven away from the commotion of day-to-day life. The accommodation ranges from spacious hotel style rooms, to self contained one-bedroom suites and two bedroom apartments. All rooms have views of the lake and Southern Alps and each have either balcony or patio to allow guests to enjoy direct access to the rolling lawns leading the lake edge. The culinary team will amaze with their gastronomic delights in Sargoods Restaurant or guests can dine 'al fresco' whilst sipping a famous Central Otago Pinot Noir wine in the Wineglass Cafe. Edgewater Resort Hotel is a favourite for wedding parties and conference groups.

LOCATION: 1 hour drive from Queenstown Airport.

Carrington Resort:

The superb Carrington Resort on New Zealand's Karikari Peninsula offers a tournament quality 18-hole golf course, award-winning wines and an amazing wetland ecosystem. Meals are accompanied by the fine wines of Karikari Estate, one of the Northland's most acclaimed wineries. The resort offers over four kilometres of secluded beach, a variety of activities including massage, country walks, the thrill of fishing or scuba diving, the challenge of skeet or trap shooting, or peaceful pursuits such as pétanque. Accommodation ranges from Lodge Rooms for one or two guests to two-storey Villas for families or small groups, all rooms open to a wide veranda with panoramic views of vineyards, ocean vistas and towering

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mountains. The Villas offer three bedrooms and are suitable for up to five people, with a fireplace and fully equipped kitchen.

LOCATION: 4 hours north of Auckland International Airport

Mangapapa Petit Hotel:

From sampling wines to playing golf and exploring a beautiful coastline, gracious Mangapapa Petit Hotel offers a superb range of experiences located in New Zealand's oldest wine region, Hawke's Bay.

A recent transformation of this gracious 1855 homestead has resulted in a boutique hotel offering a confluence of fine accommodation together with an exceptional dining experience. Accommodation features the exquisite Mangapapa Suite, Executive Suites or Lodge Rooms. Each guest room has been individually decorated, enhanced by modern touches including LCD TV and broadband Internet. A gloriously sun-filled conservatory together with pool, spa and sauna provide opportunities for relaxation. Guided trout fishing and hot air ballooning are also possibilities.

LOCATION: 5 minutes from Hastings and 15 minutes from Napier Airport

Grasmere Lodge:

Nestled in the high Southern Alps, Grasmere is famed for its privacy and total relaxation or adventures that range from skiing and hiking to horse riding. This traditional New Zealand high country station (ranch), set amid 2500-metre peaks, is a haven for those in need of relaxation and a wonderland retreat for those seeking adventure. Set within a fully operational 5,261 hectare sheep, deer and cattle station (ranch), Grasmere Lodge offers a choice of 13 guest rooms and suites, housing just 24 guests amid comforts that include a Jacuzzi in each en-suite bathroom. The Lodge is bordered by Arthur's Pass National Park and Craigieburn Forest Park. Within the grounds of the lodge itself there are five lakes and three rivers on or near it.

LOCATION: 1.5 hours from Christchurch International Airport

Huntley House:

To take 'high tea' in the afternoon or an evening aperitif while overlooking the park-like grounds of Huntley House is to step back into a gracious era, to late 19th century Christchurch. Fifteen guest rooms and suites combine the comforts of a private home with the amenities of a boutique hotel. They feature super king beds, overstuffed couches, home theatre systems and the finest of linens.

The estate offers a graceful dining room overlooking the gardens, with towering trees and manicured lawns. There is a heated in-ground pool and a variety of meeting and function rooms.

LOCATION: 7 minutes from Christchurch International Airport and central Christchurch

Millbrook Resort:

Set in 'Lord of the Rings country' and surrounded by snowy peaks, Millbrook is ideal for lovers of golf, adventure sports, spa treatments and total relaxation. Situated on 500 acres of some of the most

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spectacular scenery in the world, Millbrook Resort offers a choice of 164 guest rooms, suites, villas and cottages and a championship golf course set amidst a natural alpine amphitheatre. Accommodation ranges from the spacious rooms of the pioneer-themed Village Inn and the beautifully appointed villa suites, all with emperor-sized beds, to fully self-contained, multi-roomed cottages with extensive outdoor living areas and stunning views. Formerly a 19th century wheat farm Millbrook now provides a superb lifestyle resort catering for all ages, interests and activities.

LOCATION: 10 minutes from Queenstown Airport

The Spire:

The Spire Queenstown is a chic boutique hotel in the heart of thriving Queenstown ideal for the style conscious traveller seeking a cutting edge design experience. Ten spacious guest rooms feature stone-clad fire places, large balconies, contemporary designer furniture and iconic New Zealand art. These avant-garde surroundings are complemented by an in-room entertainment and information system.

Attentive staffs cater to guests needs 24 hours a day, providing advice and assistance whenever required. The hotel is also home to a sophisticated bar and an exclusive, reservation only fine dining restaurant seating just 24. Here innovative cuisine, with a choice of a la carte or dégustation menus, offers guests a truly memorable culinary journey.

LOCATION: In the heart of Queenstown, 5 minutes from Queenstown Airport.

Fiordland Lodge:

Fiordland Lodge is nestled between the mountains of World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park and just a 10-minute walk from the shores of Lake Te Anau. This region is the gateway to world-famous Milford and Doubtful Sounds with activities for all including marine cruises through out the sunken valleys, a wide range of walks, guided fly fishing excursions and other adventure opportunities all minutes from the doorstep of Fiordland Lodge. A maximum of 29 guests are accommodated in 10 luxurious rooms in the Lodge and two separate self-contained loft-style villas. All accommodation features super king-size beds, well-appointed private bathrooms and superb views.

LOCATION: 5 minutes from the resort township of Te Anau, 2 hours from Queenstown Airport

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