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### **Select Expands in Australia, New Zealand, China and Singapore: Exotic Variety of New Members Strengthens Group**

In uncertain economic times, unique accommodation marketing brand, *Select Hotels & Resorts International*, is proud to announce the further exciting expansion of the group with a range of 8 diverse new Member properties, including its first Member in Singapore. Boutique properties in Nanjing and Beijing, China and luxury villas on Sentosa Island in Singapore will add a new exciting dimension to *Select's* growing Asian portfolio and the core regions of Australia and New Zealand are strengthened with key name resorts and hotels joining the group.

Ralph Kelly, *Select's* Managing Director, says, "I am delighted that in the face of the current economic downturn, the value and strength of our brand continues to be so eagerly sought and embraced by properties around the region. We are looking forward to consolidating this growth in 2009 and to continuing to provide the brand value, marketing strength and support to our Members in the tough times ahead".

The new Members are described briefly below and may soon be viewed on *Select's* new user-friendly website [www.selecthotels.com](http://www.selecthotels.com).

#### **The Golden Door Health Retreat - Elysia, Hunter Valley, NSW [www.goldendoor.com.au](http://www.goldendoor.com.au)**

The Golden Door Health Retreat - Elysia is the perfect antidote to a stressful lifestyle, Australia's most award-winning and stylish health retreat with 74 elegant luxury villas. With something different each day Elysia is renowned for the exclusive programmes with a combination holistic therapies and luxurious spa a broad range of exercise and fitness options, and a specially designed low-fat menu of gourmet spa cuisine - all tailored to suit each individual guest.

LOCATED: In the heart of the Hunter Valley, 90 minutes drive north of Sydney.

#### **Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley, NSW [www.cypresslakes.com.au](http://www.cypresslakes.com.au)**

Cypress Lakes Resort offers luxury villa accommodation providing beautiful views of the surrounding vineyards from private balconies and catering to singles, couples or families. Golfers will appreciate the 18-hole championship golf course ranked among the top resort courses in Australia. Gourmet food including handmade specialty cheeses, home-grown ingredients and boutique wines straight from the cellar are all only a stone's throw away.

LOCATED: Also located in the heart of the Hunter Valley gourmet wine region 90 minutes north of Sydney.

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**Gibraltar Hotel Country Club Spa, Bowral, NSW - due to open 2010**

The 80 room Gibraltar Hotel Country Club Spa is situated in Bowral in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW and will offer contemporary style and country hospitality as the ultimate urban country destination. A lifestyle experience with clean architectural lines, elegant appearance and sophisticated facilities including superb cuisine and the 18 hole Country Club golf course, Gibraltar is the perfect getaway, conference and wedding and spa destination.

LOCATED: Bowral, 2 hours south of Sydney and an easy drive from Canberra and the NSW South Coast.

**Museum Hotel, Wellington, NZ [www.museumhotel.co.nz](http://www.museumhotel.co.nz)**

Museum Hotel incorporates 165 classically elegant rooms, spacious studios and suites, award winning restaurant and bars, beautifully appointed and versatile function spaces and a superb collection of contemporary New Zealand art displayed in lobby and foyer areas. Leisure facilities at Museum Hotel include an indoor heated lap pool, spa pool, sauna and well equipped fitness centre plus the innovative concept store, Cathy Davys Hair Design & Day Spa, a first in NZ, which offers coiffeur and spa facilities, fashion, a café and gallery. Museum Hotel provides luxury surroundings that offer a unique experience in Wellington, the vibrant cultural heart of New Zealand.

LOCATED: 8km from Wellington International Airport opposite Te Papa national museum.

**The Hart Lodge, Tauranga, NZ [www.thehartlodge.com](http://www.thehartlodge.com)**

The Hart is an intimate country villa providing panoramic vistas of the Bay of Plenty and the Pacific Ocean. The Hart (formerly Cassimir Lodge) has recently been completely refurbished with a collection of divine antiques and artwork which complements the historic character of the villa, resulting in a wonderfully romantic retreat. The Hart is the perfect retreat for romantic vacations, weddings, indulgent honeymoons, meetings alike and provides impeccable service, gourmet dining, an exclusive helipad, stylish gardens and park.

LOCATED: 45 minutes drive from Rotorua International Airport.

**Kayumanis Nanjing Private Villa & Spa, Nanjing, China [www.kayumanis.com](http://www.kayumanis.com)**

The Kayumanis hotel group's first property outside Indonesia - 21 villas with spectacular mountain views decorated in 6 different Chinese and Asian styles set in an idyllic lakeside location near Nanjing and serviced by a team of first class Balinese butlers. Each villa is set around a flag-stoned courtyard with private lap pool, and alfresco tub fed by natural hot springs. Kayumanis offers several dining options including Nine's Chinese fusion menu to private in-villa dining and also features an indulging Chinese healing-inspired spa facility. Featured on world media hot hotel lists in 2008.

LOCATED: Nanjing is less than an hour's drive away.

**Face Beijing, China [www.facebars.com](http://www.facebars.com)**

Face is an exotic hideaway conveniently located in the Chaoyang District of Beijing. Hidden away from the main street, the hotel is a conversion of a three story school built in the seventies and surrounded by high walls. A garden courtyard runs along the building providing a tranquil escape. The décor of this oasis is a warm mix of Indo and Chinese culture with artefacts from Java, Bali, Thailand and India. In the entrance of the hotel you are greeted with a statue of Buddha. The guestrooms vary in size and form with theme rooms, ancient beds and a few Tatami. All rooms are enhanced with hand-picked contemporary Chinese paintings. Face is the place in Beijing for business executives as well as leisure travellers. The establishment enjoys fame for its lounge, Face Bar featuring Chinese pillar beds. A variety of Asian cuisines is on offer from four restaurants; Northern Indian by Hazara, Thai by La Na Thai and Cantonese, Shanghai and Beijing by Jia.

LOCATED: Gonti, Chao Yang District, 19 km from Beijing airport

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**Siloso Beach Resort, Sentosa, Singapore** [www.silosobeachresort.com](http://www.silosobeachresort.com)

Siloso Beach Resort sits at the heart of Singapore's hippest beach on the beautiful island of Sentosa. The resort offers twelve exclusive one or two bedroom villas. The air-conditioned villas are set in lush surrounds with expansive balconies and feature 4 poster beds, flat screen TVs and private Jacuzzis; one also offers its own private swimming pool and deck. The Resort has a 95m swimming pool with 18m waterfall, landscaped grounds, a restaurant and conference facilities and a fully renovated spa scheduled to re-open later this year. The Siloso Beach Resort is committed to preserving its precious environment with a diverse range of green initiatives and operational practices.

LOCATED: 10 mins from CBD or 25 minutes drive from Changi International Airport.

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*Select Member properties for 2009 are:*

**AUSTRALIA:** Q Station, Sydney; The Observatory Hotel, Sydney, NSW; Lillianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa, Katoomba, NSW; Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW; Kims Beach Hideaway, Toowoomb Bay, NSW; Meadowlake Lodge, Milton, NSW; The Golden Door Health Retreat - Elysia, Hunter Valley, NSW; Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley, NSW; Gibraltar Hotel Country Club, Bowral, NSW; Select Burnham Beeches, Dandenong Ranges, VIC; Hotel Pension Grimus, Mount Buller, VIC; Lindenwarrah, Milawa VIC; Lindenderry, Mornington Peninsula VIC; Kangaroo Island Wilderness Retreat, Kangaroo Island, SA; The Lodge at Tarraleah, Tarraleah, TAS; Couran Cove Island Resort, South Stradbroke Island, QLD; Paradise Bay Eco Escape, Whitsundays, QLD; The Elandra Resort, Mission Beach, Tropical North QLD

**NEW ZEALAND:** Carrington Resort; a Heritage Hotel, Karikari Peninsula, Northland; Kourawhero Country Lodge, North Auckland; The Point Villas, Lake Taupo; Mangapapa Petit Hotel, Hawke's Bay; The Hart Lodge, Tauranga; Museum Hotel, Wellington; Select Braemar Lodge and Spa, Hanmer Springs; Grasmere Lodge, Arthur's Pass; Huntley House, Christchurch; Millbrook Resort, Queenstown; Queenstown Park Hotel, Queenstown; Fiordland Lodge, Te Anau

**ASIA:** Saman Villas, Bentota, Sri Lanka; The Regency Wing of Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mom Tri's Villa Royale, Phuket, Thailand; Veranda Resort and Spa, Hua Hin, Thailand; Wanakarn Beach Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand; Siloso Beach Resort Villas, Sentosa Island, Singapore

**CHINA:** 88Xintiandi Executive Residences, Shanghai; Face, Beijing; Kayumanis Nanjing Private Villa & Spa, Nanjing

**MIDDLE EAST:** Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa, Dubai, UAE

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