



CAMPBELLGRAY HOTELS ANNOUNCES REFURBISHMENT PLANS FOR THE PHOENICIA, MALTA

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CampbellGray Hotels is to start an extensive refurbishment programme of The Phoenicia Hotel, Malta between 14 November 2015 and 31 March 2016 when the hotel will close its doors to allow work to take place without the risk of disruption to its guests.

Following an investment of Euros 15 million, the five and a half month-long restoration programme of this much-loved grand hotel in the old-town heart of Malta's capital Valletta will include:

- A complete refurbishment and upgrading of all 136 guest bedrooms and bathrooms
- The creation of new rooftop Sky Suites
- The addition of a new outdoor infinity pool with sweeping views of the harbour
- A complete re-landscaping of the hotel's grounds and terraces
- Restoration of The Phoenicia's classic façade
- Refurbishment and upgrading of all of the hotel's public spaces
- The addition of a Health Club and Spa with eight treatment rooms, a state-of-the art gymnasium and an indoor swimming pool (Spa opens October 2016)
- Extensive refurbishment of the Phoenicia Grand Ballroom
- Investment in new energy efficient plant

With the Phoenicia's architectural beauty considered one of the sights of Malta, the re-launch will be sympathetic to the hotel's heritage with the design by Peter Young Design and Mary Fox Linton.

Gordon Campbell Gray said "I have always wanted to restore a grand hotel and opportunities such as this happen rarely. The philosophy behind the renovation of The Phoenicia is very much about restoring it to its original grandeur while at the same time making it feel like now and therefore more relevant to the current international traveller. What excites me most though is the chance to work with the super-professional staff at The Phoenicia who, over the years, have contributed to the success and popularity of the hotel."

Mark Shaw of Hazledene Group, the Edinburgh-based property company behind The Phoenicia, commented: "We are delighted to have Gordon and his excellent team overseeing the next chapter in the life of The Phoenicia, allowing it to realise its full potential as a world-class hotel that will appeal to many."

The addition of guest suites and the Spa and an extension of dining and events will create greater employment opportunities on the island.

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Note to Editors

Built in 1939, The Hotel Phoenicia was Malta's first luxury hotel, giving it a wealth of history and a unique charm standing proudly on the doorstep of Valletta. Its interior harbours an imposing Art Deco influence sustaining 128 bedrooms and 8 suites, affording some truly majestic views from most rooms and terraces. The stunning 7.5 acre garden allows guests to stroll through ornamental as well as working gardens, including a dedicated kitchen garden on over 5 tumoli that supplies the Pegasus restaurant exclusively with fresh produce. Lush plants, flowers and trees line the way to the hotel's magnificent pool shaded by the Valetta bastions that frame a panorama of breathtaking harbour views below.

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