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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BANGKOK, CHAO PHRAYA RIVER WELCOMES GUESTS TO AN URBAN OASIS

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USPA NEWS - Rising above the majestic Chao Phraya River in the heart of Bangkok's Creative District is an enclave of tiered buildings, connected at ground level by a series of indoor and outdoor spaces, quiet courtyards and lively restaurants. Art-filled spaces, sophisticated lounges and lush tropical greenery are surrounded by the gentle sounds of water features and inviting open-air terraces. Welcome to the all-new Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River.

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"The much-anticipated return of Four Seasons to Thailand's capital is nothing short of spectacular," says Christian Clerc, Four Seasons President, Global Operations. "Guests will be in awe of the exquisite design, the world-class restaurant and bar options, and a state-of-the-art wellness centre. As always, the unparalleled, intuitive service from Four Seasons people will be at the centre of it all. Thanks to our visionary owner-partners at Country Holdings Group Public Company Limited, this magnificent Hotel combines everything that one has come to expect of Four Seasons in Thailand and around the world."

Located along 200 metres (650 feet) of open riverfront just 40 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport along the famed Charoenkrung Road, the fourth location in the Four Seasons Thailand Collection offers myriad opportunities for locals and international travellers to make connections with each other and the exciting city that surrounds it. Features include a 299-room hotel, destination restaurants and lounges, stunning event spaces, and an urban wellness centre like no other. The complex also includes 366 Four Seasons Private Residences, opening in 2021.

General Manager Lubosh Barta, who began his Four Seasons career in Bangkok 16 years ago and was most recently opening General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Seoul, sums up the experience: "Like the city of Bangkok, our new Four Seasons is full of surprises, whether it's the breath-taking river views, the rich design details, the perfect cocktail or a striking piece of art. We look forward to offering personalised experiences in an environment of safety and trust as we embrace Four Seasons enhanced global healthy and safety program, Lead With Care, with uncompromising Four Seasons service in a truly spectacular setting."

Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok is located within buildings designed by Hamiltons International architects. In describing his vision for the interiors of Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok, lead designer Jean-Michel Gathy of DENNISTON said: "Sometimes dramatic. Sometimes intimate. But always charismatic." High ceilings and glass walls provide breathing space, while pools and flowing water echo the constant movement of the Chao Phraya River. Thailand's natural beauty and the city's urbane charms come together in every aspect of the interiors, punctuated by an art collection amassed by Gathy himself. Celebrating the country's legendary craftsmanship and artistry, a dedicated ART Space in partnership with MOCA Bangkok running from lobby through to the river itself showcases contemporary Thai artists in changing exhibitions.

- Destination Dining, World Class Mixology

In developing the food and beverage program at Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok, a dream team of experts in cuisines, room design and hospitality innovation came together to create a collection of original dining and drinking concepts, with a star-studded team of chefs, mixologists and sommeliers in the kitchens and behind the bars. Led by Executive Chef Andrea Accordi “” previously of the eight Michelin-starred Four Seasons Hong Kong “” along with French Executive Pastry Chef Bruce Trouyet, the team includes specialist culinarians in each restaurant. Philip Bischoff, who was previously lead bartender at the landmark Manhattan Bar in Singapore, now presides over the Hotel's beverage program.

All outlets are designed by the renowned team at AvroKo, with the exception of the signature Chinese restaurant, designed by Jean-Michel Gathy.

- Designer Rooms and Suites

Modern rooms and suites have a warm, residential character with Thai touches, balancing contemporary aesthetics with high tech function and signature Four Seasons comfort. Each accommodation boasts high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows with river or garden views, and spa-like bathrooms.

Among the accommodations, the Terrace Suites offer the ultimate in spacious luxury with landscaped and furnished terraces large enough to host a private dinner party. The 450 square metre (4,800 square foot) Presidential Suite may be Bangkok's finest address, with two-storey windows framing 10th-floor views of the Chao Phraya River, a large open living area with its own bar as well as a catering kitchen, up to three bedrooms and an oversized terrace with private plunge pool.

- Let's Meet at Four Seasons

From intimate gatherings to larger events, Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok offers a host of options for meeting planners, event hosts and wedding parties across more than 3,800 square metres (41,000 square feet), all designed by Jean-Michel Gathy. Spacious, divisible rooms include adjacent outdoor terraces and gardens with panoramic river views, while the team of expert Four Seasons caterers and event planners are ready to bring each host's vision to life in a safe setting, with every detail anticipated and executed to perfection.

The signature space is the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom at 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) featuring a private entrance, pre-function foyer, soaring ceilings within, and a dedicated outside Ballroom Terrace. The Ballroom can also be divided in two.

In the residential-style Conservatory, a smaller divisible ballroom offers 425 square metres (4,575 square feet) of space plus a garden terrace. The unique Conservatory Kitchen hosts up to 200 guests for creative events, or change-of-scenery meeting breaks. Four additional studios complete the suite of meeting rooms.

- Coming Soon: The Urban Wellness Centre at Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok

Across more than 2,500 square metres (26,900 square feet) of dedicated space, the Urban Wellness Centre is conceived along three streams of wellness, two floors of innovation and one holistic haven.

"Every aspect of the spa places equal emphasis on the ideas of Mind (spirituality), Body (spa), and Work (fitness)," says Senior Director of Spa Sandie Johannessen. "With the Palm Courtyard at its centre, it's a true oasis of wellbeing in the heart of one of the world's busiest cities, where each guest will find peace, relaxation, renewal and even a bit of indulgence with the skilled guidance of our caring therapists and wellness experts."

Highlighted by a lavish spa suite with its own private bath and indoor garden, plus eight additional treatment rooms, the spa also includes a spacious consultation area with retail shop, and relaxation lounges. Additional services are provided at the in-house hair salon, barber shop and nail salon. The fitness offering encompasses a naturally-lit state-of-the-art gym, a dedicated mind and body studio with regular open and private classes, and a 30 metre (98 foot) lap pool.

- Bangkok's Creative District

Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok is in the heart of the city's most remarkable community. Along the historic Charoenkrung Road and in myriad small streets and alleyways, the area is undergoing a renaissance as street food vendors are joined by food-forward restaurants, traditional crafts are side by side with bold contemporary art, and tiny stalls selling handcrafted wares sit next to eclectic shops filled with designer goods.

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Along Chao Phraya River, Four Seasons guests can head to ICONSIAM, the city's newest premium shopping mall, with direct access from the Hotel's river dock. Or, take a water taxi to wander the river's canals, floating kitchens, ancient temples and charming fishing piers.

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