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International hotelier joins Grace Hotels to head up operations in Asia

Grace Hotels Group has appointed internationally acclaimed hotelier Roberto Pelliccia as its Head of Operations for Asia. He joins following the acquisition of Grace Beijing, its first hotel in the Far East, and will spearhead further expansion in the region. An acclaimed industry professional, Roberto's international experience has seen him gain many awards, including Hotel of the Year twice for Le Coco Beach and recognition as one of the Hospitality Asia Platinum Top Ten General Managers.

Prior to Grace Hotels, he worked as General Manager at the Meritus Pelangi in Malaysia, as well as senior roles for Kernzner International at Le Coco Beach and La Pirogue in Mauritius. His experience in the Far East began with the Hilton International in Singapore. Roberto studied and trained in Rome, and his career has also taken him through Bahrain, London, Luxembourg, Saudi Arabia and the West Indies.

Roberto Pelliccia comments: "Grace Hotels is an amazing brand which has very quickly established itself as a boutique hotel group that stands out for its style, service and consistency. I am very excited to be joining as we open Grace Beijing and bring the concept to a new continent."

"We welcome Roberto on board," says Philippe Requin, CEO of Grace Hotels Group. "At Grace, our accent is on quality and experience. Roberto has both and will play a vital role in our strategic development for the Asia region, for the group as well as for our customers."

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Grace Hotels Group (www.gracehotels.com) is an award-winning luxury boutique hotel group that offers sanctuary and quality for discerning guests in the world's most sought after resorts and cities. The company's hotels have attracted critical acclaim since the first opened in Greece's Cyclades Islands in 2007. In 2010 the group announced its expansion into the Americas with the acquisition of the historic Vanderbilt Grace in Newport Rhode Island, the development of the Grace Panama in Panama City, and the Grace Cafayate hotel and residences complex in northern Argentina. In 2011 the group announced its entry into Asia with the acquisition of the Grace Beijing. Grace Hotels is part of the family-owned global conglomerate, the Libra Group which operates from 18 locations across four continents.