



Grace Beijing: 798 Art District's hotel hosts world-famous photo-artist Ryszard Horowitz



Beijing, August XX, 2011: Stylish boutique hotel Grace Beijing (www.gracebeijing.com) has confirmed its status as the destination of choice in the Chinese capital's famous 798 Art District as it hosts Polish photo-artist Ryszard Horowitz.

Ryszard Horowitz will be in residence at the hotel while exhibiting his retrospective show at the Rose Gallery in Beijing 798 Art Zone for two weeks from 12 October 2011. The exhibition celebrates Poland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union which began on 1 July 2011 and is part of the annual 798 Art Festival.

Horowitz is internationally renowned as a "photo-composer" for blending the artistic genres of both painting and photography, an approach that is also in evidence at Grace Beijing which combines the ancient and modern in its look and feel. Grace Beijing's guests can enjoy discounted rates on Horowitz artworks during the exhibition.

Philippe Requin, Chief Executive Officer of Grace Hotels, said: "We welcome Mr Horowitz to our hotel. Grace Beijing is already part of the thriving cultural scene in 798 Art District and at the heart of the city's artistic life.

"We are committed to the fashion and art community, hosting exhibitions and shows, and offer a perfect destination for social and business travel alike in a stimulating, relaxing environment where comfort and style are our signature."

After Beijing, Mr. Horowitz's exhibition will also be held in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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.

The Beijing 798 Art District is in the Chaoyang area of Beijing. It was originally created as an industrial complex in the early 1950s as part of the Chinese Government's first five-year plan. The highly functional architecture which was heavily influenced by the Bauhaus movement created large indoor spaces designed to let natural light into the workplace. It wasn't until 1995 when Beijing's Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA), was looking for work space that they selected the disused factory area as the perfect environment for artists. Since then it has become home to many Beijing artists as well as numerous art galleries and bookshops. It is also a centre for fashion design and architecture.

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