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MOBIL TRAVEL GUIDE ANNOUNCES THE 2007 MOBIL FOUR- AND FIVE-STAR HOTEL AND RESTAURANT AWARDS

Only 53 hotels and restaurants in the United States and Canada reach Mobil Five-Star level; Las Vegas honored with first Mobil Five-Star hotel

NEW YORK – November 9, 2006 – Mobil Travel Guide, originator of the Mobil Five-Star ratings program and certifications, today unveiled its list of Mobil Four- and Five-Star hotels and restaurants for 2007. For the first time in Mobil Travel Guide's 49 years of evaluating hotels and restaurants, a Las Vegas hotel, The Tower Suites at Wynn Las Vegas, earned a Mobil Five-Star rating. Four other hotels and three restaurants also are new additions to the Mobil Five-Star category. The complete list of Mobil Star award winners and updated, comprehensive reviews written by Mobil Travel Guide's experts are available exclusively at www.mobiltravelguide.com.

"Mobil Travel Guide's rating process minimizes subjectivity, enabling us to provide expert, objective guidance that travelers can trust," said Shane O'Flaherty, Vice President of Quality Assurance for Mobil Travel Guide. "Because our process is the most stringent on the market today, the results – the 53 Mobil Star-rated properties we recognize today – are rightfully in a class of their own."

In addition to The Tower Suites at Wynn Las Vegas, new members of the Mobil Five-Star hotel list are St. Regis Resort, Monarch Beach (Dana Point, California); Mandarin Oriental, New York; St. Regis Hotel, San Francisco; The Hermitage Hotel in Nashville, the first Mobil Five-Star hotel in Tennessee.

Newcomers to the Mobil Five-Star restaurant category are Alinea (Chicago), Alex (Las Vegas), and Joel Robuchon at The Mansion (Las Vegas).

Six hotels and thirteen restaurants are making first-time appearances on the Mobil Four-Star list, which honors properties with outstanding service in all areas of the dining and lodging experience.

Mobil Travel Guide's proprietary ratings process is based on more than 750 standardized criteria for hotels and more than 250 for restaurants, making it the most rigorous and comprehensive in the industry. The process begins with a facility inspection that considers every aspect of the property, including its overall cleanliness, condition and location. To achieve Mobil Four- and Five-Star status, properties must then meet or exceed Mobil's bar-setting service standards, which are determined through an unannounced, undercover service evaluation conducted by Mobil Travel Guide's expert inspectors. The service evaluation focuses on the myriad of details that combine to create the "overall guest experience," such as whether the inspector was greeted by a valet within sixty seconds upon arriving at a hotel or offered a beverage within sixty seconds after being seated at a restaurant.

In conjunction with today's announcement, Mobil Travel Guide's website (www.mobiltravelguide.com) has been re-launched to simplify and enhance online travel research and planning for consumers. HowStuffWorks, Mobil Travel Guide's exclusive online publisher, introduced new features and a streamlined interface on the site, giving users easy access to expert inspector reviews and consumers' opinions of thousands of hotels, restaurants, and spas, as well as comprehensive destination guides for popular cities in the United States and Canada.

ABOUT MOBIL TRAVEL GUIDE:

Mobil Travel Guide, originator of the prestigious Mobil Star ratings and certifications, has been providing the most comprehensive ratings and reviews of hotels, restaurants and spas in the United States and Canada since 1958. Mobil Travel Guide's team of anonymous, expert inspectors evaluates properties against rigorous and objective proprietary standards, giving consumers the insight to make better-informed travel and leisure decisions. Mobil Travel Guide is published by Publications International, Ltd. under license from Exxon Mobil Corporation. Mobil Travel Guide is headquartered in Lincolnwood, Illinois. For more information, visit www.mobiltravelguide.com.

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