

## THE REGENT PHUKET CAPE PANWA IN PHUKET, THAILAND JOINS AWARD-WINNING REGENT HOTELS RESORTS IN ASIA

### The First Regent Property in Thailand Opens March 2009

**FORT LAUDERDALE – January 9, 2008** – Regent Hotels Resorts, a global leader in luxury hospitality, will launch its newest Asian property, The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa in Phuket, Thailand in March 2009. The first Regent property in Thailand, The Regent Phuket will join other award-winning Regent Hotels Resorts in Asia, including The Regent Beijing and The Regent Shanghai.

Located on the south-eastern tip of Phuket Island on a pristine beach near the Andaman Sea, the 106-room resort will overlook Cape Panwa's picturesque secluded bay. The 48 terrace rooms, 22 deluxe villas, 35 pool villas and one presidential villa at The Regent Phuket will all feature private ocean-view balconies.

Resort amenities will include a 180-foot swimming pool, tennis court, and a fully equipped health center and spa with 10 treatment rooms. The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa will also feature two 195-square-foot function rooms for meetings, parties and events.

"We are very excited about this latest resort development in Phuket, which is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world," said Martin Rinck, President and Managing Director of Carlson Hotels Worldwide – Asia Pacific. Regent is the luxury brand of Carlson Hotels Worldwide.

"Regent is an iconic brand in luxury hospitality, and we are proud to establish its presence in Thailand with The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa," Rinck said.

The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa will be located only 15 minutes from Phuket city and 45 minutes from the island's international airport. The property will offer private beaches secluded from Phuket's extensive developments.

Regent Hotels Resorts in the region include The Regent Beijing and The Regent Shanghai, both ranked among *Travel + Leisure's* top 500 hotels in the world. Regent will open The Regent Maldives on Maalefushi Island in 2008 and a second Thai property, The Regent Bangkok, in 2009. Additional openings in 2008 include The Regent Boston at Battery Wharf, The Regent Bordeaux and The Regent Bal Harbour, the first hotel to open in Florida's exclusive Bal Harbour Village in over 50 years. Plans through 2010 include the opening of The Regent Papagayo, a resort property on the cliffs overlooking the Gulf of Papagayo in Costa Rica, and Regent's first property in the United Arab Emirates, The Regent Emirates Pearl.

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