

## **\$270 MILLION GRAND DEL MAR RESORT NOW OPEN Lavish New Resort Ideally Located Near Del Mar, La Jolla and Rancho Santa Fe**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (October 10, 2007)- Following two years of careful planning and painstaking construction, the \$270 million Grand Del Mar - a much-anticipated 249-room Mediterranean-style resort owned and operated by Manchester Grand Resorts - is now open.

According to Thomas Voss, president of Manchester Grand Resorts, this lavishly appointed resort - with meticulous details including over 30 types of marble and stone, vibrant Portuguese tile, Venetian plastered walls, more than 25,000 square feet of handcrafted wood flooring and intricate hand-stenciled ceilings - is among the highest priced new builds in California.

"More than 800 workers and craftsman contributed over a million man-hours, toiling diligently to masterfully complete this project on time," he said.

"We are now up and running, with more than 530 employees - from resort and restaurant staff to spa and golf professionals to groundskeepers and outdoor specialists - working hard to ensure operations proceed flawlessly and that our customers receive the highest level of service."

Voss says the years of planning and hard work have paid off, and room bookings have been brisk to date. "Reservations have been tracking ahead of our expectations, and we anticipate a healthy business throughout 2008." According to Voss, rooms range from an introductory rate of \$395 for the 600-square-foot standard room, to \$4,500 per night for the opulent 2,840-square-foot presidential suite, which features five high definition TVs, indoor/outdoor fireplace and an expansive private terrace.

Situated on a pristine coastal canyon preserve near the beachfront village of Del Mar, the project was inspired by the creative - and pioneering - design style of 1920's architectural visionary Addison Mizner, capturing the elegance and comfort of an old-world Mediterranean estate amid a tranquil Southern California setting.

Lush landscaping completes the beautiful setting, with over 10,000 mature trees - including towering Italian cypresses - dotting the verdant setting.

Another hallmark of the outdoor plan: more than a dozen dramatic water features, including a breathtaking 75-foot-long, 22-nozzle fountain lined with gold, royal blue and white marble tiles - extending from the lobby towards the golf course.

Visitors to The Grand Del Mar will experience:

**Dramatic Architecture.** The Grand Del Mar is the only Addison Mizner-inspired resort on the West Coast. Featuring an exotic amalgam of Spanish, Portuguese, Moroccan, French Provincial and Venetian design elements, the resort pays homage to this architectural icon, whose time-honored approach defined the well-heeled resort communities of Boca Raton and Palm Beach. Mizner's sophisticated yet fanciful style is evident throughout the resort - with rich, colorful hues; graceful arched doorways; classic rotundas; rustic wood-beamed ceilings; ornate stone columns, generous patios and wrought iron accents.

**Recreational Activities Extraordinaire.** An onsite naturalist leads a variety of activities throughout the 37 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails of the adjacent Los

Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, including nature walks, canyon expeditions and mountain bike tours. Four sparkling swimming pools of varying sizes (including an adults-only spa pool, a children's pool and one for toddlers), two outdoor tennis courts, plus adventure-themed kids and teen programs round out the offerings.

The Grand Golf Club. San Diego's only Tom Fazio-designed course, The Grand Golf Club is one of the region's most challenging 18-hole courses, with a par-72 that accommodates all levels of play, melding extreme playability with the area's breathtaking natural beauty. The newly renovated 50,000-square-foot Clubhouse opened in September 2006 encompasses the Pro Shop and locker area, as well as the resort's signature restaurant, Addison, and The Clubhouse Grill.

218 Posh Rooms and 31 Elaborate Suites. The resort's rich Mediterranean style is imbued throughout the beautifully appointed guest rooms. Offering commanding golf course, canyon preserve or pool front views, all feature a deep blue, pale yellow and gold color palette enhanced by fine distressed wood furnishings with lush brocade upholstery, detailed crown moldings and millwork and original fine art and accessories.

A Renaissance-inspired Spa. Featuring custom services incorporating ingredients from the area, including water, mud, clay, stones, herbs and essential oils, the 21,000-square-foot spa houses 11 amply sized treatment rooms; a state-of-the-art fitness center; salon and boutique. An adjacent movement studio is available for complimentary fitness classes.

Dining for All Appetites. With Addison, the stand-alone fine dining restaurant, as its culinary centerpiece, the resort features a total of six dining venues. The Clubhouse Grill is a relaxed outdoor/indoor venue; Amaya, the all-day restaurant within the hotel, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner service; a poolside venue features lighter fare; and a gourmet shop offers coffees, pastries and sandwiches to go. The elegant Lobby Lounge offers an array of cocktails and aperitifs, as well as afternoon tea.

Meeting Facilities. Designed to accommodate intimate parties, weddings of all sizes or larger corporate meetings, the resort's event space encompasses 20,000 square feet, with highlights including a 10,000-square-foot ballroom (divisible by six); an ornate chapel for weddings and other upscale events; an expansive outdoor lawn; and four wine rooms for more intimate affairs.

Just minutes from the coastal village of Del Mar, The Grand Del Mar is located just east of the I-5, 20 minutes from downtown San Diego and San Diego International Airport. For information and reservations, please contact The Grand Del Mar, toll-free, at 888-314-2030; or visit the website at [www.thegraddelmar.com](http://www.thegraddelmar.com).