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Arctic Club Hotel Chosen as a National Geographic Traveler "Places We Love"

Chosen for Being Authentic, Sustainable and Memorable, Arctic Club Hotel Earns a Place on the National Publication's 2nd Annual Stay List



SEATTLE, Apr 13, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Arctic Club Hotel, soon to be renamed the Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel Seattle - Downtown in mid-May, has earned a spot on the National Geographic Traveler 2nd Annual Stay List, published in the current April 2009 issue.

"We're thrilled to be selected for this prestigious honor. We strived to add value for guests with the hotel's uniquely Northwest heritage and stewardship," Lara Latture said, executive vice president of The Hotel Group, the hotel's management company. "The Arctic Club Hotel defies convention in its ability to follow sustainable practices not typically found in a metropolitan hotel, and satisfy the needs of the modern-day traveler in a historic setting; this recognition perfectly suits those nuances."

The 1916-constructed Arctic Building served as the longtime home of the Arctic Club, whose members included many of Seattle's early captains of industry as well as Alaska-Yukon enthusiasts. Reinvigorated and transformed into the Arctic Club Hotel, its doors opened July 9, 2008. Great care was taken to maintain the original treasures of the building, including its Alaskan marble-lined foyer and stairways, 27 molded walrus heads wrapping around the third-floor exterior, and the historic Northern Lights Dome Room, one of Seattle's grandest event facilities.

National Geographic Traveler lauded the Arctic Club Hotel for its historically preserved setting, old-meets-new Northwest thematic interiors (Edward Curtis Prints, leather chairs, library lamps), its practices in the restaurant (which, for example utilize sustainable and organic cuisine), and more. The public areas of the Arctic Club Hotel offer a rich blend of early 1900s architecture, remarkable artifacts inspired by the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition and original art. A comfortable mix of Art Nouveau, modern and period furniture lends a playful, elegant and approachable appeal.

The Hotel is one of just two downtown Seattle hotels to be recognized in the publication.

About the Arctic Club Hotel

The Arctic Club Hotel Seattle is a 120-room hotel that combines the history and grandeur of an early 20th century men's club, the former Arctic Club, with contemporary design and amenities for business and leisure travelers. Classic, inspired cocktails are found at The Polar Bar, and the hotel features the Northern Lights Dome Room, one of Seattle's grandest function facilities featuring a stained glass dome. Learn more at www.arcticclubhotel.com.

About The Hotel Group

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