

Rome Cavalieri to join the prestigious Waldorf=Astoria collection



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Press Release Summary: After four decades as Italy's leading hotel, Rome Cavalieri becomes the first hotel in Europe and the sixth globally to join the Waldorf=Astoria luxury brand of the Hilton Hotels Corporation

Press Release Body: **Hilton Hotels Corporation** has announced that the **Rome Cavalieri Hilton**, the preferred hotel for global travelers to the **Eternal City** and the hub for Rome's society set, will become the first European property to join **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection**.



[The Rome Cavalieri](#) is expected to re-open its doors under [The Waldorf=Astoria Collection](#) banner this spring. Throughout the coming 12 months the hotel will add a number of enhancements to its

stunning facilities and services, including a third outdoor swimming pool within its extensive grounds, as well as a new state-of-the-art Congress Centre, with its own separate entrance, which will be developed in phases over the course of the year.

*"For 45 years, the **Rome Cavalieri hotel** has been an intrinsic part of Rome's social fabric and has astonished world travelers with its gracious hospitality, museum-standard collection of art and its grand hilltop setting offering unrivalled views over the Eternal City. This is a magnificent hotel and a pivotal addition to **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection**," said **Mr. Wolfgang M. Neumann, President for Hilton Hotels Europe**.*

Welcoming this, the sixth hotel in **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection**, **Ian Carter, President of Global Operations, Hilton Hotels Corporation**, said, *"Selection for **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection** is exclusive and only landmark hotels with a reputation for superior service, original architecture or artistic and historical significance receive such designation. **Rome Cavalieri** meets our parameters and sets a very high reference point for the brand in Europe. The **Rome Cavalieri** is the perfect first hotel for **The Waldorf=Astoria Collection** in Europe, and we are excited to welcome it to our growing Collection."*

The company is also developing brand new [Waldorf=Astoria hotels](#) and residences in key cities around the world including, **The Waldorf=Astoria at Bonnet Creek** (Orlando) and **Dakota Mountain Lodge** both due to open in 2009, as well as **The Waldorf=Astoria Sarasota** and the proposed **The Waldorf=Astoria Beverly Hills**, which are scheduled to open in 2010.

The 370 room **Rome Cavalieri** is situated in a tranquil 15-acre park, with panoramic views over Rome's historic centre. Opened in 1963 and renovated at a cost of \$50 million the hotel has become synonymous with hospitality firsts: it has the largest conference facility of any five-star deluxe hotel in Continental Europe with a capacity for 5,500 delegates; it is the only hotel in Italy to boast a Michelin-rated three star restaurant "**La Pergola**" and it has Rome's most luxurious Spa.

In November 2006, the [luxury hotel](#), already legendary for its vast collection of antique art and period furniture, became home to three of **Giovanni Battista Tiepolo's** most important rococo paintings, the

acquisition marked the largest amount ever spent on paintings at auction in Italy.

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About the Rome Cavalieri

Situated in a 15-acre private park just two miles from the **Vatican**, the **Rome Cavalieri** is hailed as a luxurious resort in the heart of the **Eternal City**. Featuring 370 guestrooms, including 25 suites all with private balconies overlooking the city's monuments, the hotel is home to a highly prized private collection of furniture, paintings, tapestries, statues and artefacts exhibited throughout its public spaces and suites. The hotel also features six food and beverage outlets including the legendary "**La Pergola**" restaurant and bar, a Grand Spa, and the most extensive meetings space of any luxury hotel in the heart of Rome.

About The Waldorf=Astoria Collection

The Waldorf=Astoria Collection includes some of the most extraordinary properties in spectacular destinations around the world. Inspired by the legendary [Waldorf=Astoria in New York](http://waldorfastoria1.hilton.com/en/wa/home.do), each hotel in the growing Collection has its own distinct character, timeless architecture and special history. Luxury spas, culinary excellence and world-class golf are featured at the Collection's current properties: the beautiful Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix, tropical Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa on the Isle of Maui, Hawaii, the historic La Quinta Resort & Club in Southern California, **New York's Waldorf=Astoria** and the palace hotel Qasr Al Sharq in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Each guest encounter is a discovery of unique experiences designed to last a lifetime.

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