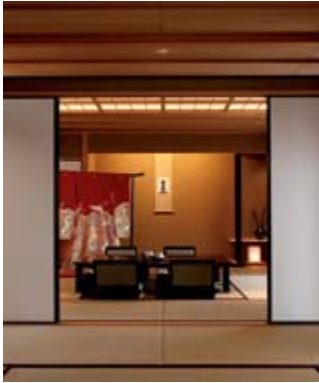


US hotel group signs deal for first Abu Dhabi hotel

- Sunday, 24 April 2011 7:00 PM



The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company said on Sunday it has signed an agreement to operate its first property in Abu Dhabi.

The contract with Abu Dhabi National Hotels (ADNH) is for a waterfront hotel in the UAE capital which is expected to open in late 2011.

Designed by Otak International, The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal will feature 447 luxurious guestrooms and suites, as well as 85 villas, the company said in a statement.

Inspired by the 15th to early 17th century Renaissance architecture and the urban planning of the city of Venice, The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi consists of 10 buildings arranged in a crescent formation, completely with artfully designed water features throughout the 54 acre property.

"We are delighted to be bringing The Ritz-Carlton renowned levels of hospitality to the power capital of the United Arab Emirates," said Herve Humler, president and chief operations officer, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company.

Salem Mohamed Athaith Al Ameri, chairman of Abu Dhabi National Hotels Company added: "Our partnership with a world-class hospitality group such as The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company solidifies our plans for ADNH's growth and reinforces our concrete development strategy."

The hotel will also feature The Ritz-Carlton Club, a private floor accessible only by elevator key and offering five complimentary food and beverage presentations throughout the day and dedicated concierge service.

The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal will be the company's third hotel in the UAE.