

## The Carlson connect



Carlson Hotels Worldwide-India recently organised their annual PR parties and roadshows in the key feeder markets of New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh for key travel trade associates and corporate houses. Presentations on Carlson Hotels Worldwide with an emphasis on existing and forthcoming hotels in India were made at all locations. Invitees were thanked for their ongoing support and the evening culminated with a variety of cultural shows and plays, over sumptuous food and beverages laid out for the guests.

## It's a hattrick

Hyatt Regency Delhi received a total of three awards in the recently held Times Food Awards 2010 in New Delhi. La Piazza won the best Italian restaurant for the seventh year in a row, while The China Kitchen and Cafe won best the best Chinese restaurant and the best Coffee Shop third time in a row. All winners will also feature in the Times Food Guide which is a yearly edition listing more than 1500 restaurants in the city.



## Young achiever

Amit Mitra, Director-Sales & Marketing, GRT Hotels & Resorts, was recently awarded with the Young Achiever Award-Marketing by Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, during ITB- Berlin.



## Leela Kempinski Gurgaon wins four awards

The Leela Kempinski Gurgaon won awards in four major categories in the recently held 'Times Food and Nightlife Awards 2010' in New Delhi. World cuisine restaurant, Spectra, was awarded the 'The Best Coffee Shop'; Diya, 'The Best North Indian Restaurant'; Zanotta 'The Best Italian Restaurant'; and Rubicon the 'The Best Bar'.

"We are delighted and encouraged by the recognition conferred by eminent group like The Times Group and validated by recognised professionals who truly believe in our product. I dedicate this award to all my team members and their commitment to the company and the guests," said Vella Ramasawmy, General Manager, The Leela Kempinski Gurgaon.



## Fam trip to Indonesia

To further strengthen ties between the two countries and to showcase the destination, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Republic of Indonesia, and Visit Indonesia Tourism Office in collaboration with Yogyakarta Tourism, Malaysian Airlines and Pacto organised a 5 nights 6 days Fam trip for key travel agents from Mumbai, Lucknow, Punjab, Jaipur, New Delhi to explore Jogjakarta and Bali in Indonesia. The itinerary included visit to Borobudur temple in Jogjakarta and Tanahlot and Uluwatu temple visit in Bali. The agents were hosted by Hotel Melia Purosani in Jogjakarta and Hotel Grand Hyatt and Grand Mirage in Bali.



## Exotic Vacations Night in Bengaluru



Travel Tours Group recently held the first-edition of the Exotic Vacations Night in Bengaluru. Over 150 high net worth individuals and corporate decision makers attended the well planned and executed event. The event co hosted by Spanish Tourism Board, Club Med Resorts, Qatar Airways and Travel Tours Group showcased the latest exotic travel offering to MICE decision makers. Present at the occasion were Miguel Nieto-Sandoval, Tourism Counsellor, Director of Tourism Department and Embassy of Spain in India; Mumtaz Moiz, General Manager, Club Med India; Shrvan Gupta, Managing Director Travel Tours Group.

## Versys recognises India travel market

A lunch was organised by Viva Voyages, a representation and marketing company, at the Hans Plaza hotel, Connaught Place recently, to commemorate Versys loyalists-consolidators and agents who patronise the Versys platform. Versys Travel, an online hotel booking portal with more than 60,000 hotels also deals in transfers and circuit tours. Vikas Khanduri, Managing Director of Viva Voyages Plc, said, "The CEO of Versys Travel, Antonio Pena, recognises the huge potential of the Indian travel market and is focussed and committed to partner in its growth."



## Skywards says Thanks a Million



Neil Helliwell, the lucky winner of the Skywards 'Thanks a Million' promotion at the 2010 Dubai World Cup, was presented with his prize of one million Skywards Miles by Brian LaBelle, Senior Vice President, Skywards. The promotion by Skywards, the frequent-flyer programme from Emirates, raised over Dhs 186,000 for the Rashid Paediatric Therapy Centre and the kind-hearted British engineer immediately donated his prize to charity.