



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **MYKONOS GRACE WINS HOTEL DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

***- First hotel in luxury boutique group nominated in three categories and wins top award at European Hotel Design Awards 2007***

The newly opened Mykonos Grace Hotel ([www.mykonosgrace.com](http://www.mykonosgrace.com)) has won a prestigious Hotel Design of the Year Award at this year's European Hotel Design Awards at a ceremony held in London's InterContinental Park Lane Hotel. The luxury boutique hotel that opened on the Greek island resort of Mykonos in April this year was nominated in three separate categories:

- **Best Architecture at a restored hotel building** (Architects, Dionysis Zacharias and Alexandra Stratou)
- **Best Bedroom & Bathroom Interior Design** (Interior designers, Divercity)
- **Best Bar, Nightclub or Lounge** (Interior designers, Divercity)

Competing against some of the world's leading hotel brands, the Mykonos Grace took the overall Hotel Design of the Year prize for hotels that are not part of an established chain. From next year, however, the Grace Hotels concept will expand following the company's announcement of the development of the Santorini Grace Hotel, Paros Grace Hotel and Residences and Kea Grace Hotel and Residences.

**Commenting on Mykonos Grace's Award, member of the judging panel, Matt Turner,** commented: *"As its name suggests, this is a graceful, elegant and understated design. The judging panel found that the successful combination of architectural intervention and interior design has succeeded in bringing "the outdoors inside" through its use of natural light, photographic elements, space and colour. By maximising the hotel's stunning surroundings, the architects and designers have created a new contemporary hotel of the highest quality. The clever use of space within the public areas, particularly the poolside bar/restaurant, was also singled out for praise from the panel."*

**Robin Hutson, Chairman of Soho House Hotels** and also on the panel of judges added:  
*“What is exciting about the Mykonos Grace is that it introduces an entirely new boutique hotel concept to the Mediterranean. Its emphasis on design and attention to detail throughout defines the guest experience”.*

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### **Salvatore Calabrese**

Salvatore Calabrese is a cocktail creator, drinks connoisseur and author. His private members club, 'Salvatore at 50' in London's St James's is built on Salvatore's reputation as one of the UK's most celebrated bartenders, established at the Lanesborough Hotel. He has received accolades for his world class expertise on vintage Cognacs and his work is constantly profiled in major magazines such as Tatler and Decanter.

The ultimate specialist in drinks, Salvatore's list of published books includes Classic After Dinner Drinks (1999), the Bartenders' Guide (2003) and, most recently, Virgin Cocktails and Sexy Cocktails, all published by Sterling.

### **Grace Hotels**

Grace Hotels is an entirely new concept in luxury hotels and residences and is a subsidiary of First Mediterranean Investments (FMI), part of modern global conglomerate, the [Libra Group](#). Grace hotels are designed to offer sanctuary and quality for discerning guests in the most sought after resorts and cities. The company's first boutique hotel, [The Mykonos Grace](#) opened in the heart of Greece's Cyclades Islands in April 2007. The company has further hotels under development including the Santorini Grace, The Paros Grace Hotel and Residences and the Kea Grace Hotel & Residences. The Grace concept promises the very best service; the most comfortable accommodation and the finest food and drink - all in a contemporary environment that is both luxurious and serene.