

Press Release

WorldHotels[™] Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Brand Refresh

Brand Refresh Includes New Masterbrand and Collection Logos

Phoenix, Arizona (May 27, 2021) - WorldHotels Collection premiers refreshed branding including new logos and updated vision and mission statements. The brand refresh comes at an exciting time in the company's history as the soft brand celebrates its 50th anniversary this year under the theme "A WORLD Reimagined".

"Our 50th anniversary is a significant milestone, providing us with the ideal opportunity to lean into the resources at BWH Hotel Group and reimagine luxury hotel experiences," comments David Kong, Global President and Chief Executive Officer. "WorldHotels has always been at the forefront of innovation, and this year we recognized a need to adapt our branding to align with the evolving digital and media landscape. I am thrilled to celebrate our 50th anniversary with the premier of our refreshed branding, which will play a critical role in helping the brand and our hoteliers maintain a competitive edge, especially as we emerge from the pandemic."

The brand invested in extensive research to gain a greater understanding of the luxury and lifestyle traveler and what motivates them now. WorldHotels interviewed key stakeholders, conducted a global member survey, and identified the best way to evolve the brand. The refresh is designed to enhance WorldHotels' brand storytelling and ensure each WorldHotels collection has its own identity and personality. This is achieved with the following changes:

- **Refreshed Masterbrand logo:** WorldHotels focused the refresh on reinforce the well-known logo and enhancing it to deliver a modern twist. This is achieved through a bolder font for "WorldHotels".
- New Collection logos: These logos are where WorldHotels truly wanted to change and give each collection its own identity and personality. WorldHotels now offers four wonderful collections to suit the needs of today's traveler Luxury, Elite, Distinctive and Crafted. WorldHotels is committed to building a stronger soft brand that appeals to luxury and lifestyle travelers while attracting the very best hotels for its global collections. As such, the brand logo refresh is giving each collection brand its own identity through distinctive color palettes, fonts and signature Page 1 of 3



collection border patterns. This will help clarify each collection while also enabling travelers to quickly identify the style of the hotel.

- Updated Vision and Mission Statements that reflect the evolving culture and DNA of WorldHotels:
 - Vision Statement: To be the most trusted and intuitive partner with access to essential and extensive resources for a discerning global family of the finest curated independent hotels and resorts.
 - Mission Statement: To be stronger together by empowering our community of hoteliers, travel partners and guests with expertise, passion and collective goals to inspire unique, life enriching experiences that connect people and places.

"The refresh is not just about launching logos, but it is about evolving the brand's identity with enhanced messaging, colors, layouts, and more," added Gregory Habeeb, President, North America. "With these changes, we will gain new visibility and attention and modernize the company's soft brand, all while playing in the ever-changing digital and media world. It is the perfect way to honor our 50+ years of excellence as we celebrate our 'A WORLD Reimagined' 50th anniversary this year."

Under the new branding, WorldHotels will leverage its 50+ years of industry leadership and expertise, coupled with the unparalleled support and backing of BWH Hotel Group, to achieve even greater success in the years to come. WorldHotels will continue its focus on driving superior revenue to its hoteliers, expanding its portfolio of offerings in premier global destinations and providing exceptional travel experiences to its guests.

Click here to learn more about WorldHotels: <u>www.worldhotels.com</u>.

About WorldHotels Collection

WorldHotels[™] Collection is a privately held hotel soft brand within the BWH Hotel GroupSM global network. Founded by independent hoteliers dedicated to the art of hospitality, and celebrating its 50th year anniversary in 2021, WorldHotels offers one of the finest portfolios of independent hotels and resorts around the globe, expertly curated to inspire unique, life enriching experiences that connect people and places. WorldHotels is comprised of four unique collections, each with its own personality and style to appeal to the needs of today's traveler. The collections include: WorldHotels Luxury, WorldHotels Elite, WorldHotels Distinctive and WorldHotels Crafted.

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