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MINT's ANANTARA RESORT BRAND EXPANDS TO PHUKET AND ABU DHABI

Minor International (MINT) is pleased to announce that it has opened the 83 pool villa Anantara Phuket Resort & Spa on Mai Kao Beach in Phuket. With the development of this Anantara resort in Phuket, MINT continues to expand its own Anantara resort brand name worldwide. By the end of this year, MINT expects to open another Anantara resort south of Krabi Province increasing the number of Anantara branded resorts to nine operating in four countries including Thailand, the Maldives, Abu Dhabi and Bali.

Anantara Phuket Resort & Spa is a luxurious collection of 83 pool villas located on Mai Kao Beach, just 15 minutes from Phuket International Airport and a short drive from the beaches of the South. Designed in the refinement of traditional Thai style, each villa has its own private infinity-edged pool. With the 265 room JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, MINT has further strengthened its leading position among luxury hotel companies in Phuket with the development of the Anantara Resort & Spa in Phuket.

MINT also took another big step towards expanding its hotel business in the Middle East having also opened the 64 room Desert Island Resort & Spa on Sir Bani Yas Island which is located 8 kilometers off Abu Dhabi's western coastline. Sir Bani Yas is the largest of eight islands which, together with an onshore gate, will ultimately make up the multi-experiential Desert Islands destination.

In 2009, MINT expects to expand further in the Middle East by opening the Anantara Qasr Al Sarab in the Liwa desert in Arabia's Empty Quarter (Rub Al-Khali). The Desert Island Resort and Anantatra Qasr Al Sarab will be the first hotels in the Emirates managed by MINT. Prior to opening the Desert Islands Resort & Spa, MINT's presence in the region was through award-winning standalone spas located in the prestigious Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi and the 10,000 sq foot Anantara Spa at Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea in Jordan.

With the launch of the Anantara Phuket Resort & Spa, which is 100% owned and managed by MINT, and the launch of the Desert Island Resort & Spa which is managed by MINT and owned by the Tourism Development Board. MINT continues to pursue a diverse strategy of expanding its hotel business by investing directly to build resorts, licensing the Anantara brand name and managing resorts for other hotel owners. In the second quarter of 2008, revenues from hotel management and licensing fees increased to Baht 85 million.

Minor International (MINT) are hotel owners, operators and investors with a portfolio of 29 hotels under the Anantara, Marriott, Four Seasons, and Minor International brands in Thailand, the Maldives, Vietnam, Africa, the Middle East and Indonesia. It is also one of the largest spa operators in the Asia Pacific region with more than 29 spas in Thailand, Maldives, China, the Middle East, Egypt, and India under the Mandara and Anantara brands. MINT is also Thailand's largest food service operator with more than 1000 outlets system wide under The Pizza Company, Swensen's, Sizzler, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Thai Express and the Coffee Club brands. In January 2007, MINT was recognized by Asia Money magazine as Thailand's Best Managed Small Cap Company for financial and business performance, management strategy and vision, and shareholder value creation. For more information, please visit www.minornet.com

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