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CHICAGO'S PALMER HOUSE PENTHOUSE AMONG THE TOP 101 SUITES IN THE WORLD

(Chicago, IL) - The Penthouse of Chicago's Palmer House, one of the America's true grande'palace hotels has been named among the top 101 hotel suites in the world by ELITE TRAVELER MAGAZINE. It is the only Chicago hotel to be included in the world-wide selection.

Read in over 100 countries by nearly 600,000 of the world's most discriminating travelers, the majority of whom consider themselves "global citizens," ELITE TRAVLER readers take 41 trips by private jet each year, 10 of which are long haul. "This is definitely a highly sophisticated traveler with very discerning tastes," according to Dean Lane, general manager of the Palmer House. We look upon being among ELITE TRAVELER'S top 101 suites as a significant validation of the goals of our recent \$170 million restoration," Lane said. "To have the Palmer House ranked with the Royal Suite of the Plaza in New York; The Eden Rock, St. Barths in the West Indies; The Maestro suite of the Dolder Grand, Switzerland and the Presidential Suite of the Mandarin Oriental in Tokyo is quite a badge of honor. We are very proud."

Lane feels that the Palmer House Penthouse ranking by ELITE TRAVELER is demonstrative of the entire hotel's rebirth through one of the hotel industry's most comprehensive restorations that has resulted in 1000 newly designed guest rooms, new lobby bar, award winning restaurant, lounge, Spa, Fitness Center, meeting rooms and a shimmering new ballroom, among other vast improvements..

The new 3,700 square foot Penthouse was designed by Forrest Perkins, Inc., of Washington D.C. And while it is clear that the spectacular 11 room suite boasts unusual exotic woods, custom furniture, sumptuous fabrics and lavish amenities like a conference room appointed in white leather, Spa - inspired marble bath (one of

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five in the suite), and a studio quality make-up room, there is much more. “Of course, we wanted the very best of everything for our Penthouse,” Lane points out. “But we wanted to tell an important story about Chicago as well.” Lane is referring to the collection of lovingly reproduced French Impressionistic classics by Monet, Renoir, Cézanne and Cassatt. The originals were brought to America by Bertha Palmer, wife of the founder of the hotel and proudly hung in her home throughout most of the 19th century. They are now part of the permanent collection at the Art Institute of Chicago. In addition there are rare photographs in the Penthouse of the World’s Fair in Chicago of 1893, an historic happening with which Mrs. Palmer was intimately involved. “The lavish 19th century art, the rare archival photos, the intricate pastel- hued mosaic foyer coexist in harmony with the overall contemporary design of the sprawling Penthouse suite,” Lane said. “It is more than an opulent collection of rooms. It is an experience. We are extremely pleased that ELITE TRAVELER has recognized it as such and offered it to its readers as one of the top 101 suites in the world.” Lane said.

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The Salon of the Penthouse of the Palmer House

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The marble spa inspired bath of the Penthouse of the Palmer House

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The French impressionistic inspired dining room of the Penthouse of the Palmer House