



## **The Yas Hotel, Abu Dhabi is Honoured at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MEHEC Excellence in Hospitality Awards**

**Abu Dhabi, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – The Yas Hotel, Abu Dhabi has won the ‘Most Innovative Project of the Year Award’ at this year’s Annual MEHEC Excellence in Hospitality Awards.

The awards, which took place during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Middle East Hospitality Expansion Congress 2009, aim to recognise the achievements of the region’s leading hospitality leaders who through a combination of leadership skills and incisive vision have advanced their organisations strategic objectives.

The Yas Hotel was chosen as the winner by a panel of independent experts. The choice was made based on the hotel’s individuality and design aesthetics, its contemporary look and feel, as well as its overall modern impression, striking interiors and visually inspiring food and beverage outlets.

According to Jean-Francois Laurent, General Manager of The Yas Hotel: “This distinctive hotel is designed to embody the aesthetics associated with speed and spectacle. Yas hotel leads the way in Abu Dhabi’s contemporary hotel design movement and is one of the main architectural features of the ambitious Yas Marina Development.”

Laurent added: “I am delighted that the hard work and efforts put in by the designers’ and architects’ to create such an iconic structure have been rewarded and honoured in this way”.

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### ***The Yas Hotel***

*Opened in November 2009, The Yas Hotel, operated by Aldar Hotels & Hospitality, is the first in the hotel in the world to span a Grand Prix circuit, hosting the inaugural 2009 Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Offering 499 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, international cuisine in 8 restaurants and pioneering design and architecture, The Yas Hotel will host several illustrious events in its first year, ranging from fashion to sports on a global scale. Located on Yas Island, The Yas Hotel is 10 minutes drive from Abu Dhabi airport, 15 minutes from Abu Dhabi’s National Exhibition Centre and 50 minutes from Dubai Marina.*

### ***Yas Island***

*The Yas Hotel is located on Yas Island, a natural island measuring 7.5km by 6.5km, which is currently being developed by Aldar Properties PJSC. As well as Yas Marina Circuit, the island will feature Ferrari World Abu Dhabi (the world’s largest indoor theme park), Yas Links Abu Dhabi - an 18 hole Links Championship golf course - a VIP marina, Yas Marina, a water park and Yas Mall, a super-regional retail experience.*

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