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Sofitel Minneapolis Launches 30-Minute Lunch Service for Time-Strapped Business Travelers

Minneapolis, MN (April 19, 2007) – Sofitel Hotels, the prestige brand of Accor Hotels, announces the launch of its “30-Minute Lunch” at its Sofitel Minneapolis location. The refined four-course meal at the hotel’s restaurant Chez Colette is guaranteed to be served within 10 to 15 minutes of ordering, allowing business travelers and other busy guests enough time to enjoy a sophisticated meal that is beautifully presented within 30 minutes. The food may be served fast, but in no way can it be compared with “fast food.”

“We understand that our restaurant guests want a high-caliber dining experience, but may not have the time to spend hours at lunch,” said Eric Lemaire, General Manager, Sofitel Minneapolis. “The Sofitel Minneapolis’ 30-Minute Lunch provides patrons with great food and service, without compromising busy schedules.”

This complete dining experience will include four courses (appetizer, entrée, soup or salad, and dessert), all served simultaneously on a specially-designed plate. The menu will change several times seasonally and dishes will vary, as Sofitel Minneapolis’ Chef Serge Devesa will craft a unique menu in-line with the cuisine of the restaurant and his own individual specialties. Sample dishes include: *Spicy crab cakes with mango chutney; duck confit salad, mache, beets with apple dressing; Pan seared salmon with a corn meal cake and anise sauce; and our Pastry chef selected dessert of the day.*

Chez Colette offers a classic French brasserie cuisine based on genuine family recipes. The restaurant is styled after the turn of the century brasseries of Paris. Thomas Melvin murals decorate the walls, along with many other accents, that give the restaurant a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Available five days a week, Monday through Friday, the 30-Minute Lunch will be offered in Chez Colette during lunch hours. The set price is \$18 per person.

In addition to this unique lunch, Sofitel offers other services geared toward making life on the road easier for business travelers, including wireless Internet access and “smart” desks, specially designed for laptop use.

Sofitel Minneapolis is located at 5601 West 78th Street, Bloomington, Minn., 55439. For hotel and restaurant reservations, please call (952) 835-1900.

Sofitel Hotels are in major destinations across North America: Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Montreal, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Miami and Washington, D.C.

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30-Minute Lunch menus and photography are available upon request.

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