

## **Spitz Hotel Wins 2009 Tablet Hotels Selection Award**

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**New York, February 10, 2009** – Tablet Hotels ([www.TabletHotels.com](http://www.TabletHotels.com)), the world's leading source for unique luxury and boutique hotels, today announced that Spitz Hotel was awarded the 2009 "Tablet Hotels Selection" Award. This award, which is being presented for the first time, recognizes Spitz Hotel's excellence in service, accommodations and guest satisfaction - maintaining a consistent online guest rating above 17 out of 20 points.

"Tablet Hotels has distinguished itself as the hospitality industry's authority in the selection and presentation of special hotels worldwide," said Laurent Vernhes, CEO of Tablet Hotels. "Our award winners have played a vital role in Tablet Hotels' success, and we are proud to show our appreciation for the high standards they set for themselves and for the industry each day."

Three-hundred hotels received this year's award. Together they reflect, at the highest level, the qualities and the kinds of experiences that Tablet Hotels looks for and values in each of the hotels selected. They represent hotels of all sizes and from every geographic region – from bustling cosmopolitan centers to picturesque villages nestled into the farthest corners of the world.

"The 'Tablet Hotels Selection' Award is a tremendous honor for the Spitz Hotel," said Regine Woelger, general manager of the Spitz Hotel in Linz, Austria. "We are committed to creating an unforgettable hotel experience for our guests and are proud to be included among the world's most desirable hotels. Rest assured, we will continue to uphold this commitment and represent the high standards that so strongly define Tablet Hotels."

#### **About Tablet Hotels**

Tablet Hotels ([www.TabletHotels.com](http://www.TabletHotels.com)), launched in 2002, is the comprehensive online reference for unique and extraordinary hotels worldwide. It features 1,500 properties across the globe, offering verified guest reviews, integrity in hotel selection, the lowest prices available online and the highest quality user experience in the online travel industry. To learn more about Tablet Hotels, please visit [www.TabletHotels.com](http://www.TabletHotels.com).

#### **About Spitz Hotel**

20 years after it was first built, Linz's traditional Spitz Hotel has undergone a complete renovation: between April and November of 2006 it has been transformed into the new Spitz Hotel, a unique hotel with its emphasis on architecture, design, art, culture and lifestyle. Each floor of the new Spitz is intended to reflect an art aspect of Linz, or one of its cultural centers. It is a type of collaboration that is quite exemplary and unique worldwide. Emphasis was put on working together with artists from the region, such as ISA STEIN. Herself an architect and artist, she was one of the key persons to carry out the project as chief architect and artistic designer. The rooms all have a very special charm --combining light, shadow, colors, art, and culture, while at the same time feeling cozy and homey. Great assets were added by Andreas Thaler, who was responsible for the writing desks and the lounge couch, Ernst Mitterndorfer, lamps and lighting concept, as well as the many students from the Linz University of Art and Design who have been allowed to transform the entire fourth floor with their project "Design it!" The whole concept is

determined by the different themes on each floor: accessories such as paintings, the writing desks, lamps and lighting, which have all been specially designed for the new Spitz Hotel, are coordinated to correspond with the individual themes. Additionally, the new Spitz Hotel is also taking environmental concerns to heart. Only 10% of the cleaning materials it uses are of the conventional kind. Instead, cleaning is carried out using micro-fiber equipment and water. The result is perfect, deep-pore cleanliness – free of chemicals – protecting both man and the environment.