



**MEDIA INFORMATION**  
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**A NEW BEGINNING FOR THE RENAISSANCE LONDON HEATHROW**

London Heathrow – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The Arora Group today announced their further expansion with the acquisition of the 649-bedroom Renaissance London Heathrow from Hotel Property Investors Limited. An agreement was simultaneously reached with Marriott International to continue to operate the hotel within the Renaissance brand.

The Renaissance London Heathrow was built in 1973 and was one of the very first large hotels at the airport. Over the years, the Renaissance has become recognised as one of the leading Heathrow hotels, establishing an excellent reputation for quality, service and value. The hotel's extensive facilities include a wide range of food and beverage outlets and over 3,000 square metres of flexible meeting space.

Commenting on the purchase, Surinder Arora – Founder and Chief Executive of Arora Hotels said: 'I have a special relationship with the Renaissance London Heathrow which goes back to the mid-70's when I worked at the hotel as a part-time banqueting waiter which enabled me to supplement my income to pay for my private pilots licence training. I am therefore delighted to add this prestigious hotel and those that work there to the Arora Group.'

Following the purchase, Arora will immediately embark upon a major refurbishment programme of all bedrooms and public areas as part of the new beginning for the Renaissance London Heathrow.

Reiner Sachau, Chief Operating Officer for Marriott International in Europe said "We are delighted to be partnering with the Arora Group at the Renaissance London Heathrow and are very excited about the wide ranging refurbishment plans that we have for the hotel".

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## **Note to editors**

### **About Arora Hotels – [www.arorahotels.com](http://www.arorahotels.com)**

Arora Hotels is an independent hotel company owned and founded by Surinder Arora in 1999. It is the UK's leading specialist hotelier to the airline industry and one of the fastest growing private hotel companies in the UK.

The company has made a name for itself through the design, construction and operation of luxury hotels, with exceptional levels of hospitality.

The Arora Group's portfolio currently comprises 7 hotels with over 2,850 bedrooms and 108 meeting rooms. Prime locations include the Arora Hotel Heathrow, Arora Park Heathrow, Arora Hotel Gatwick/Crawley, Arora Hotel Manchester city centre, the flagship 605-bedroom Sofitel London Heathrow, directly connected to Terminal 5 (voted 'Best New Business Hotel In The World' at the Business Traveller Awards 2009 & 2010, 'Best Airport Hotel In The World' at the Business Traveller US Awards 2009, recipient of the 'Gold Award for Meetings & Excellence' at the HRS Hotel Excellence Awards 2011, winners of 'Best International Airport Hotel' - International Hotel Awards and Australian Business Traveller Magazine Awards 2011 and voted 'Best Airport Hotel in Europe' – World Airport Awards and Skytrax World Airport Awards 2012) and Sofitel London Gatwick at the North Terminal. Both Sofitel hotels operate under a franchise agreement with Accor Hospitality. The Renaissance London Heathrow, recently acquired by a division of the Arora Group and operating under a franchise agreement with Marriott completes the collection.

Each of its hotels is Investors in People accredited.

The property arm of the Arora Group – Arora Management Services – is involved in property asset management of a portfolio of landmark office buildings, primarily at key UK airports.

The development division of the Group secured agreements to design and construct five new budget hotels at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Aberdeen airports, the first of which opened in February 2012.

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### **About Renaissance – [www.renhotels.com](http://www.renhotels.com)**

Renaissance Hotels represents a diverse collection of more than 150 hotels in 35 countries worldwide. Each property is unique, offering passionate travellers a one-of-kind experience and memories they will be sure to take with them long after they depart. Within every hotel, guests are greeted by an exceptional array of amenities and an inspiring world of local discoveries. For travellers looking to experience something new, innovative and locally driven programs including the industry leading entertainment platform RLife LIVE as well R Navigator, ensure that every trip is transformed into an eye-opening, unforgettable journey. Renaissance Hotels. Live Life To Discover. Friend us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/RenHotels](http://www.facebook.com/RenHotels) or follow us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/RenHotels](http://www.twitter.com/RenHotels)

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