

**MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS ANNOUNCE
A COPTHORNE HOTEL AND MILLENNIUM CLUB HOTEL AT
CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND STAMFORD BRIDGE,
CHELSEA, LONDON**

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc are pleased to announce that they have signed an agreement with Chelsea Football Club to operate two hotels at Stamford Bridge totalling 275 rooms.

Both hotels will be operated under a long term management contract and all non-stadium food and beverage operations and meeting facilities will be included within Millennium & Copthorne's management.

One hotel will be branded the Copthorne Hotel at Chelsea Village (160 rooms) and one the Millennium Hotel at Chelsea Village (115 rooms) following a substantial refurbishment and upgrade programme to be completed this year.

The execution and control of the refurbishment programme will be such as to cause no disruption to the business at the complex.

It is Millennium & Copthorne's intention to review all existing outlets with a view to developing several of its key restaurants and conference products.

Millennium & Copthorne's Group Chief Executive, Tony Potter commented 'We share a common vision with Chelsea Football Club of creating a unique guest experience at Stamford Bridge. We are delighted to be working with the Premiership Champions and look forward to managing the Club's two hotel properties and restaurants. We intend to position the hotels on a global platform and in the UK to complement our two existing hotels at Premiership Club locations, the Millennium hotel at the Madejski Stadium Reading and the Copthorne Hotel Manchester at Old Trafford.

Together with recent announcements of new Millennium hotels in Beijing, Shanghai, Qatar and Abu Dhabi this brings the number of hotels within Millennium & Copthorne to 100 in 18 countries'.

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