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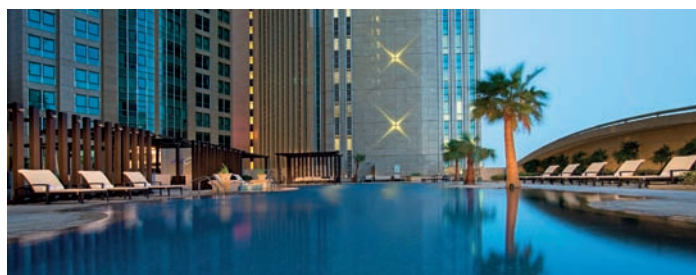
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The Hotel offers 280 rooms and suites, whose contemporary design elegantly blends the modern art "à la française" with the oriental service. Among its guestrooms, the hotel counts 47 sophisticated suites located at the top floors, offering some of the best views of the magnificent Arabian Gulf.

For relaxation, the Hotel has a wonderful free-form swimming pool where you can lounge and enjoy the sun. SoSPA offers the ultimate spa experience with a rejuvenating menu of therapies and treatment that ensures soothing and calming results, with sauna and steam facilities. On top of that, you may continue your fitness well-being with SoFIT, featuring a full range of equipment.

A complimentary shuttle is also available for you to enjoy the prime tourist destinations in the city including the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum, Yas Island with the famous Ferrari World, Warner Bros World, Yas Waterworld and Formula 1 Circuit. In addition, the shuttle also travels to the Corniche and Saadiyat beaches for some sun soaked fun.



Enter the world of culinary magic with the different restaurants and bars available in the hotel from buffets to a la carte menus. Make Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche your home in Abu Dhabi, where magnifique memories are created.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

Abu Dhabi may not have quite the fame of its neighbour Dubai, but the UAE's capital can be proud of its fortunes and treasures in equal measure. Offering a unique contrast between past and present, tradition and modernity, Abu Dhabi is a shining beacon on how to prepare a city for the innovations and demands of its future, whilst preserving and strengthening its cultural heart. The second largest of the UAE's cities, Abu Dhabi is brimming with life and vibrancy as its everchanging skyline evolves, shaping the city of today into the metropolis of tomorrow. It's forward thinking approach to its growth and development continues to inspire other cities and attract visitors from across the globe.

Although more widely known for oil as the source of its wealth, Abu Dhabi's origins lie in the pearl trade. Oil was discovered in the late 1930s, transforming the emirate's wealth and resulting in exponential growth, the likes of which its early settlers may never have envisioned. Abu Dhabi's most breathtaking and ambitious projects, such as the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre – which was opened over a decade ago and is one of the biggest mosques in the world – and the stunning Louvre Abu Dhabi all owe their very existence to that moment in time when the emirate's fortunes swiftly changed.

In addition to its wealth and growth, it is also evolving as an artistic and cultural hub. The arts precinct of Saadiyat Island, which has already seen the opening of the New York University of Abu Dhabi campus and the thrilling new Louvre, will also boast the Zayed National Museum and a bustling Guggenheim museum by the time the development has been completed.

Abu Dhabi today has evolved into a vibrant, multicultural destination, with mosques sitting side by side Christian churches and Hindu temples and accents from across the globe drifting by you as conversations unfold along the corniche.

If a cosmopolitan lifestyle is your preference, there are cafes, bars and more dining and nightlife possibilities than you could possibly choose. Shopping opportunities abound at gleaming high-end locations like The Galleria on Al Maryah Island or the Avenue at Etihad Towers. The world's most famous high end luxury brands have their own Abu Dhabi address and every taste is catered for, from traditional local fashion, to the finest jewellery and timepieces known to man. If the glitz and glamour is not to your taste, stroll through the souks and pick up locally made traditional handicrafts or delightful Arabic souvenirs as a memory of your trip.

Abu Dhabi is known for being a little less conservative than its neighbouring emirates, with its more relaxed tone making it an exotic destination for play and relaxation.

From the high art of the Abu Dhabi Classics season, to the earthier charms of the Grand Prix, which tears up the Yas Marina racetrack every November, there are entertainments and activities to appeal to all tastes.

Despite its prosperity, Abu Dhabi is not naïve to its limitations, anticipating a time beyond oil and creating such innovative developments as Masdar and Al Ain. Totally sustainable, green thinking communities are the future of the emirate, and projects that ensure the longevity of the whole of the UAE, by utilising the best of sustainable natural resources will ensure continued growth and prosperity and an abundant future for all in the emirates.

Discover the delights and surprises of this pearl of the Arabian Gulf!

### **Melinda Barlow**

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