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**Auriga at Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel, Is Named
“Favorite Spa in Austria” By Readers of SpaFinder**

Atlanta, GA (October 3, 2008) – Just over a year after its May 2007 debut at Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel, Auriga has earned the honor of “Favorite Spa in Austria” in the 6th Annual SpaFinder Readers’ Choice Awards competition. The 30,000-square-foot spa, gracing the banks of Lake Woerth in the lakeside village of Velden, was singled out for its “impeccable white glove service,” striking architecture, and distinctive wellness philosophy based on the four phases of the moon.

Auriga at Schloss Velden is the first of a compelling new spa brand that will soon debut in locations worldwide ranging from Mexico to Singapore. Auriga at Schloss Velden is housed in a modern glass structure with wraparound views of Lake Woerth. It features 14 private treatment rooms, personal training space, a world-class fitness center, a 130-foot indoor pool, and unique features including an interactive golf simulator and a grotto-like “ice room” replete with authentic falling snow.

The Auriga brand is named for the constellation whose brightest star is Capella, and is located at hotels within the Capella Hotels and Resorts collection, a 21st

Century brand of ultra-luxury properties for top-tier travelers conceived by distinguished hotelier Horst Schulze.

Rising quickly to the forefront of the global spa industry, Auriga has drawn impressive accolades from critics and spa-goers alike. Auriga at Schloss Velden was named “Best in Austria” by Gault Millau within six months of opening, and made the *Condé Nast Traveler* Hot List for 2008. For more on Auriga and on Auriga at Schloss Velden, log onto www.auriga-spa.com.

Spa Finder is a global spa resource whose mission is to empower people to find their perfect wellbeing experiences. In its sixth year, the online magazine’s Reader’s Choice Award seeks to solicit and share the best spa experiences the industry has to offer. For more, long onto www.spafinder.com.

ABOUT AURIGA

Auriga is a distinctive and compelling new signature spa brand that takes a holistic approach to wellness based on the unique phases of the moon. Developed in conjunction with Swedish-based spa company Raison d’Etre and Arizona-based spa consultant Sylvia Sepielli, Auriga’s design concept and signature treatments utilize the varying energies of the lunar cycle to relax, restore and realign the mind, body and spirit. Each Auriga spa also draws on the individual strengths of its local environment, while providing personalized service and pampering through natural and organic products, specialized programs and unique treatments.

Named for the constellation whose brightest star is Capella, Auriga was created to serve as a destination spa in some of the finest hotels, cities and resort destinations around the world with a distinct experience at Schloss Velden, a Capella Hotel (Austria). New Auriga openings are scheduled in 2008 and 2009 at Capella hotels in Mexico and Singapore. For more information, visit www.auriga-spa.com.

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