

Aquaworld hotel and water park is expected to open in autumn

Almost 180 journalists and touristic experts gathered at the finished framework of the Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest at its topping-out ceremony, on 20th February 2008.



The complex is situated in the northern part of Budapest, at the Pest abutment of Megyeri Bridge along the M0 motorway ring, in a green environment, yet close to the town centre. The event was a perfect occasion for presenting the complex, its unique dimensions, and potential to the guests on site.

The event was lead off by Katalin Pfandler president-director of the investor, Interstate Real Estate Developer PLC. She emphasized in her welcome speech, that the complex presents unique dimensions and service structure not only in Hungary, but in Central Europe also. The building operations have begun exactly a year before, and the technical hand over is planned for July 2008. The complex will open its gates for the public forecasted in October 2008.



After the welcome speech Ágnes Kelecsényi entered the stage, she is the Director of Sales and Marketing of the Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest complex. She introduced the future range of services with the help of a presentation.

Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest is a four-star superior conference and wellness hotel, it has 309 rooms, suites and apartments; a conference centre with a capacity of almost 1000; a spa, wellness and fitness unit; various restaurants and an entertainment centre.

The Aquaworld water empire is Central Europe's biggest indoor water theme park and it is able to accommodate up to 1800 visitors at the same time. 11 slides, 17 pools, surf pool, which is extraordinary even in Europe and further amusement elements make the complex unique among the touristic attractions of Hungary.

Katalin Pfandler called the hotel and the water park as a pair of supporting legs, they can operate though separately and be independently in the spotlight, but they complete each other also, in order to create a whole, to offer the guests complex experiences. From barefoot to patent-leather shoes.



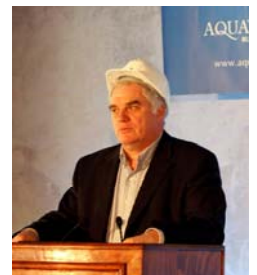
After the presentation followed the introduction of the Management of Aquaworld PLC, who is responsible for the operation of Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest:

- Péter Szomjas General Manager
- Leslie Ringwald Director of Hotel
- Tamás Teleki Director of Food & Beverage
- Tamás Nagy Director of Maintenance

One of the honoured guests was Dr. Miklós Kovács, secretary of state for tourism of Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. Dr. Kovács rated the complex as a significant touristic investment of 2008. He emphasized how the concept fits to this year's touristic program, the "year of waters". Budapest is also known as the "city of waters" due to its numerous thermal bathes, with Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest, the city gains a further attraction, which specially suits the taste of youngsters.



The other honoured guest of the event was Tamás Derce, mayor of Újpest. Mr. Derce believes that Ramada Plaza – Aquaworld Budapest is an attraction, which helps to upvalue Újpest, and to take its place on the touristic map of Budapest. The complex presents an entertainment facility of high level and new workplaces for the inhabitants of Újpest.



At the end of the speeches a topping-out tree was placed on the highest peak of the hotel, on one of the terraces of the eighth floor, with the help of a crane.

Finally the guests took the chance to walk around the complex and to chat with their colleagues during the standing reception.