

Marriott Moscow Royal Aurora hotel has a new Director of Operations



Canadian-born and of Polish origin, Daniel Baranowski is now in charge of day-to-day running of the 5* Marriott Moscow Royal Aurora. He was appointed Director of Operations on July 23, 2013, and now coordinates the work of hotel's departments, including the Front desk, F&B, Engineering and Housekeeping. He is also responsible for managing the hotel's staff, leading and motivating people.

Daniel, 29, has vast hotel experience to his credit. He came to Moscow from the 791-room Hilton Prague hotel, where he was Operations Manager in charge of F&B and Front Office. He was responsible for all operational work, with a heavy stress on events. Previously, F&B manager at the hotel, he had 100 employees and seven restaurant outlets to manage.

Daniel started his career in hospitality business at the age of 15 at the Marriott Toronto Airport hotel as banquet houseman. He worked in quite a few hotels around the globe, from Delta Meadowvale Resort & Conference Centre in Ontario, Hilton Toronto, Caribe Hilton in San Juan to Hilton Warsaw Hotel & Convention Center, where he was Food and Beverage operations manager. Daniel has a Degree of Bachelor of Commerce in Hospitality & Tourism Management from Ryerson University in Toronto.

Moscow is a new challenge for Daniel and the city fascinates him. "I am very glad to be here since Moscow is emerging as a world's leading city, very cosmopolitan," he says. "I look forward to bringing people here and to open up this great city for them. I want to be not only an ambassador for my company, but an ambassador for the Russian capital as well," he added.

Prince Charles hails Houghton Revisited "a once in a lifetime experience"

One of the highlights of Russo-British cultural collaboration this year has been the "Houghton Revisited" exhibition at Houghton Hall, Norfolk. When opening the exhibition, sponsored by Oracle Capital Group, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales said, "I do hope that as many people as possible will have the option to visit – it is a once in a lifetime experience."

Prince Charles' wish has come true as, due to overwhelming demand the exhibition's season has been extended beyond September and on to 24 November. This means even more people will have the opportunity to see the historic display.

The collection, containing superb paintings by artists such as Rembrandt, Velasquez, Rubens, Van Dyck and Poussin, was created by Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, in the 1730s. It was considered at the time to be one of the world's finest collections but much of it was sold to Catherine the Great of Russia in 1779 to pay family debts.

Then in 2010 a plan showing how the collection was displayed at Houghton was discovered in the archives of the Her-

Houghton Hall, Norfolk



mitage Museum in St Petersburg, and the idea to reassemble the paintings was born. Many of them had been sold by Stalin to raise funds for the Soviet state and had to be tracked down from as far afield as the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC and even Siberia.

As well as having the privilege of Prince Charles opening Houghton Revisited, the Oracle Capital Group Charitable Foundation, chaired by the Earl of Clanwilliam, attended a preview reception at the Russian Embassy in London, hosted by the Russian Ambassador, His Excellency Alexander Yakovenko and Mrs Nana Yakovenko.

"It's been an honour for Oracle Capital Group, and the Group's Charitable Foundation, to support Houghton Revisited," said Lord Clanwilliam. "And it's thrilling to see what a success the exhibition has been. A highly demanding undertaking has been carried off with aplomb, thanks to careful coordination and cooperation between our two countries".

Houghton Revisited has proven to be a historic and exciting event which shows the possibilities of collaboration between Russia and Britain.

Radox Health targets stress in the workplace

Pioneering health profiling company, Radox Health, has developed a unique test for evaluating chronic stress. Collaborating with the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, Radox Health has discovered specific markers in the blood, directly linked to stress-related illness.

As a result of this scientific innovation, Radox Health has created a dedicated health screening package for stress. With just one simple blood test, Radox Health can provide a complete picture of a client's current response to stress and can

