



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Suntec Singapore to Host Prestigious UNEP Event**

**Singapore, 15 April 2008** - Suntec Singapore, Asia's leading convention and exhibition centre, will host a global environmental summit, with a touch of royalty!

H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco will lead a lively discussion on '*Advancing the Climate Agenda through Policy, Mitigation and Adaptation*' at the annual B4E – Business for the Environment Global Summit from 22 – 23 April 2008. The event, jointly organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Global Compact, is expected to attract 1,000 participants, making it the most important global event on business and the environment. It will focus on the urgent environmental challenges facing the world today and addressing business-driven solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

"We are honoured to host this prestigious global event. At Suntec Singapore, we have taken the role as the industry leader to embrace green initiatives. The environment has always been a consideration in the management of our business," commented Pieter Idenburg, Chief Executive Office of Suntec Singapore. "We look forward to assisting UN Environment Programme, UN Global Compact and their event partner Global Initiatives with the needs of its diverse and global attendees to make sure that their visit here is a memorable and prolific one."

Highlights of the summit will include high-level roundtable discussions with H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco; Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives; Goran Persson, former Prime Minister of Sweden as well as H.E Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal, former Prime Minister of Yemen.

“Climate change will affect business and society in fundamental and transformative ways. It represents risks but also opportunities to move the global economy to a Green Economy,” said Mr. Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UNEP. “B4E provides an opportunity for corporations; national leaders and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Asia and across the world to be at the forefront of these transformations and to lead by example, showcasing in concrete ways how they are accelerating resource and energy efficiency—how they are building tomorrow’s economy today”.

The B4E is also being held in conjunction with the Champions of the Earth gala dinner that honours laureates from around the world who has spearheaded outstanding initiatives in many different areas from environmental policy to cutting-edge research, with a particular focus on sustainable development and the fight against climate change.

Suntec Singapore, who recently stepped up its efforts to go green, has also participated in the recent Earth Hour 2008 initiative. The venue is also in compliance with the criteria and guidelines set by UNEP to ensure that it is in line with the summit’s environmental audit guidelines and recommendations.

The Summit will be opened by Mr Mah Bow Tan, Singapore’s Minister for National Development.

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## **About Suntec Singapore**

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located at the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of versatile floor space over six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 20,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants and the region's newest centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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