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MH | A MAKES A REPEAT PERFORMANCE AT THE WYNN
Los Angeles-based Boutique Design Firm Tapped as Exterior Concept
Architect and
the New Encore at the Wynn Casino Resort in Las Vegas



*The gleaming **Wynn Las Vegas** will soon be joined by the new **Encore**.*

*Slated for completion in late 2008, the much-anticipated **Encore** promises to bring a new level of sophistication*

Los Angeles, CA (November 29, 2007) - As the last concrete is poured and dries in the desert wind and sun, Los Angeles-based boutique architecture and global design firm **Michael Hong Architect** (www.mhongarchitects.com) is proud to announce the Wynn project in Las Vegas (**Encore**). The much-anticipated **Encore** is the latest phase of Steve Wynn's premier luxury hospitality and gaming resort and is expected to open its doors to the public in December 2008. Construction began in June 2006. With the main structure now completed, construction on interiors begins this month.

At the epicenter of this high-profile project, Architect and visionary Michael Hong, AIA makes a repeat performance. Known for his expertise and creative vision in the design and planning of large-scale hospitality, mixed-use, and entertainment projects, Hong was originally called upon to design the Bellagio Resort in 1994 and again for the Wynn Resort in 2003 during his previous tenure as a design principal with a leading international architecture firm.

Today, as the founder and principal of mha, his talents have once again been tapped to design the « face » of Encore. Working in close concert with Steve Wynn and Wynn Design & Development, mha developed the overall exterior concept for the new and expansive resort. With such a stellar and proven partnership of design heavyweights at the helm of the project, Encore promises to both complement and complete the luxury Wynn property in Las Vegas.

« I am thrilled to be working with Wynn Design & Development once again on the new Encore project, » said Hong. « Over the years, we have established a great respect for and rapport with each other. We all look forward to completing our shared vision for the Wynn Encore. The final product promises to offer all patrons a truly unforgettable five-star experience. Wynn continues to raise the bar on luxury.»

Billed as separate properties, Encore will be connected to the existing Wynn resort via the public areas. The new high-rise portion of Encore will offer over 2,200,000sf of deluxe accommodations including 2,034 luxury suites. The public spaces will include 7 dining outlets, 11 retail outlets, a 64,000 sf-casino, a 80,000sf-meeting space and convention center, an epic 11,000 sf-night club, European and American styled pools, and a

generously sized 70,000 sf salon and spa facility. Total project square footage is approximately 4,600,000 sf.

« We are extremely happy to be working with Mike Hong on Encore» noted Wynn Design & Development Executive Vice President DeRuyter Butler, AIA. « We collaborated successfully on several major projects and are keen to continue working with Mike once again. Together, we hope to create an innovative resort that will surpass even our own high expectations and anticipate receiving a standing ovation from guests when we surprise our guests next year. »

About Michael Hong Architect (www.mhongarchitects.com)

Founded in 2004 by Michael Hong, AIA, mha is a small boutique architecture and design firm based in Los Angeles, CA. Specializing in connecting commerce, culture, and community to create memorable and provocative spaces, mha focuses primarily on large-scale hospitality, entertainment and mixed-use, residential, and master planning projects both throughout the United States and abroad.

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