

PRESS RELEASE

HOTEL SCRIBE – PARIS

1860 – 2010

150 YEARS OF HISTORY AND THE ART OF FINE LIVING IN THE HEART OF PARIS

**Paris – July 21, 2010** – The Hotel Scribe in Paris is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary: a century and a half of History, itself, going hand in hand with a history of good taste, art and fine living. Publication of the book, *L'Hôtel Scribe, une Légende au coeur de Paris*, marks the launching of a program of activities which, from September through December, will recall the great episodes of an equally prestigious and fetching past.

Gastronomic creations, symposia, round tables and other events will immerse both hotel guests and the Parisian public in the enchantment of a veritable hotel legend.

Even more festively than ever, the month of December will top off this very Parisian-style anniversary with events designed to highlight the theme of champagne.

**Four months of events**

**Culinary creations:** From September through December, the Hotel Scribe's three chefs, Sébastien Crison – Head Chef, Eric Barnerias – Head Pastry Chef and Christophe Simon – Head Barman, will combine their talents to produce an imaginative series of “nods” in tribute to the Scribe's history. This will be a legend to be tasted, through innovative menus, snacks, tea times or cocktails and, just as in a period TV series, the Café Lumière will be decorated to depict the striking styles of these 150 years.

**Four Symposia:** A story-teller as well as an historian, the author of the book, *L'Hôtel Scribe, une Légende au coeur de Paris*, will be present every month for a talk and open discussion on four major topics in the hotel's history: the great period of the Jockey Club, the Hotel Scribe at the dawn of the modern age, writers and reporters of the Liberation, and 150 years in the life of a hotel.

**A festive end-of-year holiday time:** Champagne will be the *leitmotif* of the Hotel Scribe's anniversary celebration throughout the entire month of December: decoration based on a campaigning theme, a champagne bar in the Café Lumière, and a champagne New Year's eve feast – orchestrated by Chef Sébastien Crison, to close out the year.



### **The Hotel Scribe, a legend in the heart of Paris**

For its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Hotel Scribe entrusted the task of retracing its history to historian Pierre-André Héléne. Over 120 pages, this book immerses us in a moving, 150-year saga, from the sumptuous festivities of the Jockey Club at the time of the Second Empire, on up to the present day. We meet there the Duke of Morny, Marcel Proust, the Prince of Sagan, the Lumière brothers, Doctor Röntgen, Serge Diaghilev, Josephine Baker, Ernest Hemingway, Lee Miller, and many others.

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