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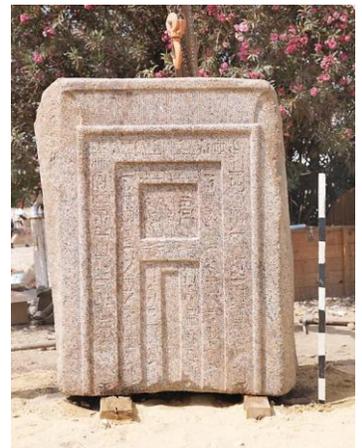
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New discovery in Thebes: The vizier's door

In the course of routine excavations in front of the Karnak temples, an Egyptian team unearthed a huge, a large red granite false door belonging to the tomb of Queen Hatshepsut's vizier, User and his wife Toy.

Minister of Culture Farouk Hosni announced the discovery, adding that it was carried out by an Egyptian excavation team during a routine excavation work. Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA), explained that the door is 175 cm tall, 100 cm wide and 50 cm thick. It is engraved with religious texts, as well as different titles of the User, who took office in the fifth year of Queen Hatshepsut's reign. His titles included mayor of the city, vizier and prince.



Mansour Boraik, supervisor of Luxor Antiquities and Head of the Egyptian excavation mission, said that the newly discovered door was reused during the Roman period: it was removed from the tomb of User and used in the wall of a Roman structure previously found by the mission.

Boraik said that User is the uncle of the well-known vizier Rekhmire, who was King Tuthmosis III's vizier (1504-1452 BC). A chapel of User was also found in the Silsila mountain quarries in Aswan, which attests to his importance during Hatshepsut's reign, as well as the importance of the post of vizier in ancient Egypt, especially during the 18th Dynasty. Among the most well-known viziers during this dynasty were Rekhmire and Ramose from the reigns of kings Amenhotep III and Amenhotep IV as well as the military chief Horemheb, who later came to Egypt's throne as the last king of the 18th Dynasty.

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New Statues Found at Kom el-Hettan

The Minister of Culture, Farouk Hosni, announced that two red granite statues of King Amenhotep III and of the god Thoth, were unearthed near the Pharaoh's funerary temple at Kom el-Hettan on Luxor's west bank.



The discovery was carried out by an Egyptian team from the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) during routine work reducing the groundwater's level.

Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the SCA, said that the first statue depicts the 18th Dynasty king, Amenhotep III, together with the god Re-Horakhty, while the second statue represents the god of wisdom, Thoth, in the form of a baboon. A huge, calcite statue fragment possibly dating to the reign of Amenhotep III, was also found.

Mansour Boriak, General Supervisor of the Luxor Antiquities Department of the SCA, added that excavation work is ongoing in order to discover further statues which once stood inside the temple at Kom el-Hettan.

New Discovery at Kom El-Hettan

Culture Minister, Farouk Hosni, announced today that a colossal red granite head of King Amenhotep III (circa 1390-1352 BC) was discovered in his funerary temple of the Kom El - Hettan area on Luxor's West Bank. He added that the discovery was carried out by the Colossi of Memnon and Amenhotep III Temple Conservation Project, a multi-national Egyptian-European team.



Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) said that the newly discovered head is intact and measures 2,50m high. It is a masterpiece of highly artistic quality, and shows a portrait of the king with very fine youthful sculptured features.

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Collection of Artifacts to Return to Egypt

Egypt will restitute a collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts in June 2010, the collection is now in the custody of the Homeland Security Office on Long Island, near New York City.

Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council Antiquities (SCA), added that these artifacts will be handed over to Egypt immediately after the completion of legal measures. The collection, which has artifacts dating back to 3000 BC, also includes a great collection of painted sarcophagi, clay pots and coffins.



Hawass has prepared a detailed report describing the objects and the story behind recovering them, which has revealed the identity of the antiquities smugglers in Egypt and abroad. This report will be presented to Farouk Hosni, Egypt's Minister of Culture.

Hawass also announced that in April Egypt will retrieve a very important ancient Coptic manuscript related to Judas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. This manuscript reveals detailed historical information about Jesus.

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Burial Chamber of Queen Behenu Discovered



Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA), announced today that the French mission working at Saqqara has found the burial chamber of Queen Behenu. As of yet, it is unclear if this queen was the wife of Pepi I or Pepi II, who ruled during the 6th Dynasty. The burial chamber was revealed while the team was cleaning the sand from Behenu's pyramid in the area of el-Shawaf in South Saqqara, west of the pyramid of King Pepi I.

Hawass added that the burial chamber is badly destroyed with the exception of two inner walls on which were found engraved Pyramid Texts. Pyramid Texts were widely in use in royal tombs during the 5th and 6th Dynasties (circa. 2465-2150 BC). They were first discovered inside the burial chamber of King Unas's pyramid at Saqqara, the last king of Dynasty 5.



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Roman mummy discovered in Egypt

Egypt's Antiquities Council announced on Monday that Egyptian archaeologists unearthed a Roman mummy entombed in an elaborate sarcophagus at an ancient grave site alongside gypsum masks.



The one meter (three feet) long gypsum sarcophagus portrays a woman dressed in Roman robes and contains a mummified woman or girl who died in the Greco-Roman period about 2300 years ago.

For his part, a chief of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities Zahi Hawass said that "We are sure (the mummy) is female. Either she was a small woman, and mummies always shrink, or she could have been a young woman" according to AFP.

The archaeologists also found a sheet of gold depicting the four sons of Horus, the ancient Egyptian sky god, and clay and glass vessels at the site in the Bahariya Oasis, some 300 kilometres (186 miles) south west of Cairo.

The site, which contained 14 graves, was first discovered during excavation work to build a

youth centre, but the statement said it would be placed under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Antiquities.

Archaeologists had unearthed a vast burial ground in the same area in 1996 that contained hundreds of mummies.

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EGYPTAIR received its new Boeing aircraft

On March 10, 2010, Cairo Airport witnessed the milestone delivery of the first EGYPTAIR new Boeing 777-300ER.

The flyaway away flight from Boeing factory in Seattle was on the 9th at 14:30 after a ceremony that was overwhelmed by joy and happiness from both Boeing and EGYPTAIR teams. The aircraft accommodates 49 business class full flat seats and 297 Economy class seats all with individual monitors.



EGYPTAIR will take an additional five 777-300ERs through the second quarter of 2011 to continue upgrading its long-haul service with premium product.

Eng. Hussein Massoud, Chairman & CEO, EGYPTAIR Holding Company who welcomed the aircraft upon arrival, marked this moment stating that "This delivery is a substantial milestone in the history of EGYPTAIR .We will continue to bring the latest to our customers who deserve this premium and highly competitive product". He added "We are determined on the coherent development plan for the Egyptian Civil Aviation under the vision of H.E. Ahmed Shafiq, the Minister of the Egyptian Civil Aviation".

The delivery team was headed by Captain Alaa Ashour, Chairman of EGYPTAIR Airline who expressed his happiness welcoming the new aircraft to EGYPTAIR family. He declared that "This is a moment all EGYPTAIR employees are waiting for. It is a culmination of the strenuous efforts exerted few years ago to modernize our fleet and upgrade our services to exceed the expectations of our customers".

The Economy Class on this aircraft accommodates wider and more relaxing seats with only 9 seats abreast which is a great edge for EGYPTAIR, and each seat is provided by personal entertainment system with 10.4 inch screens to enable our customers selecting the best from the hundreds of audio-visual entertainment programs. Further, economy class customers will use power outlets in their seats to recharge their personal electronic devices.

The aircraft is equipped with advanced lighting system through colour mixing. Different mood lighting can be chosen to imitate the sunset, sunrise and dimming lights. In addition, the plane ceiling is decorated with shining blue star lights.

The aircraft will operate on the daily service between Cairo and London Heathrow, while the second aircraft who will be delivered by the end of next month will operate on the non-stop service to Narita Tokyo. After the delivery of the third and fourth aircraft EGYPTAIR customers will enjoy this premium product on the daily non-stop service between Cairo and New York.

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Kempinski on the Nile <http://www.kempinski.com/en/cairo/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

ON A RECENT trip to Cairo, the CEO and President of Kempinski Hotels Reto Wittwer announced that the Kempinski Nile Hotel will open in mid-2010. Wittwer noted that Cairo's newest boutique hotel, located on the Nile front at Garden City, is the first important property for Kempinski in Cairo and is owned by Talaat Mustafa Group (TMG).



Kempinski Nile Hotel will replace an old hotel, launching a new phase in hotelier traditions on the banks of the Nile. The hotel was revamped in a record time of 30 months, where the décor and character were overhauled to make it a more contemporary establishment. The warm and refined atmosphere, combined with state-of-the-art technology, will offer guests a memorable stay.



"Cairo is a city where we have long been interested in to establish a Kempinski presence," declared Wittwer. "We are particularly delighted to enter Cairo with such a great property on the banks of the River Nile." For his part, Zaki El-Gezuiiri, vice-president for investment, business development and hotels at TMG asserted that, "we are delighted that TMG [will] bring this level of luxury to Cairo's hospitality sector for the first time."

The interior design of the 191-room hotel was done by French architect Pierre Yves Rochon, who created an atmosphere of luxury and energy. The hotel boasts a rich array of culinary delights, alongside the bar and lounges which will open for leisure and night-time entertainment. The outlets range from a rooftop pool bar, shisha lounge, an Ottoman restaurant, Jazz bar and chic dining restaurant. The hotel will also house a spa, outdoor rooftop swimming pool, as well as state-of-the-art business and meeting facilities.

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Hilton Worldwide Signs New Hilton Hotels Property on The Nile

Hilton Worldwide has signed a Management Agreement with Safir El Zamalek Hotel Company for a new Hilton branded hotel on the Nile River in Egypt. Hilton Zamalek Residence Cairo is scheduled to open in July 2010.



The Management Agreement was signed by Mishal Abdallah Almasad, Chairman, Safir El



Zamalek Hotel Company SAE and Mahmoud Mokhtar, Vice President Operations, Hilton Worldwide, Egypt in the presence of His Excellency Dr. Rashid Al Hamad, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Egypt, Sharifa Baqer, General Manager, Safir El Zamalek Hotel Company and Carlos Khneisser, Director of Development, Hilton Worldwide, Middle East.

The 88-room and 76-suite conversion property overlooking the Nile is expected to open its doors as a Hilton branded hotel in July this year. In the heart of Cairo on picturesque Zamalek Island, Hilton Zamalek Residence Cairo lies between Downtown Cairo and Giza, and approximately 20 km from Cairo International Airport.

The residential hotel has undergone a US\$20 million renovation and facelift, and now features five restaurants ranging from an all-day dining restaurant, a speciality restaurant, a coffee shop, a pastry shop and a pool café. In keeping with the renowned Hilton Meetings product, the hotel has three meeting rooms, as well as a business centre with three breakout rooms. Leisure facilities include a health club and spa with sauna, steam room, massage treatment room and gym.

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Another New Property for Hilton Hotels in Cairo

Hilton Worldwide has signed a management agreement with the High Commission for Touristic Projects (part of The Egyptian Engineers Companies – Zaghloul Group) for the new construction of Hilton Heliopolis in Cairo, scheduled to open in 2014.



The 485-room and 150-apartment low-rise property located in Cairo’s Heliopolis suburb adjoins an integrated shopping complex and is next to the International Airport.

“We are very happy to have signed this management agreement for this landmark hotel in Cairo - an important development market for us. Hilton Heliopolis will truly complement our existing portfolio in Cairo, while also supporting our position as the leading hotel brand in Egypt,” said Jean-Paul Herzog, President, Hilton Worldwide, Middle East and Africa.

Hilton Heliopolis will feature five restaurants and bars ranging from an all-day dining restaurant and two specialty restaurants to a sports bar and lobby lounge bar. The hotel will have a 960 sqm ballroom, nine meeting rooms of various sizes, and one boardroom. Further on-site facilities are planned to include a lounge dedicated to airline crew, fitness centre, outdoor swimming pool and two tennis courts.

Tourism is considered the highest source of foreign currency for Egypt contributing 6.6% of GDP. The country has a target to welcome 27 million tourists by 2022.

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Dining : La Maison Blanche Now Open in the First Mall

Many people can be forgiven for their mistaken impression of French dining; that it's complicated, highly expensive and the portions are ridiculously small. The truth is that French cuisine is extremely diverse, a fact that is supported by the French passion for good food in all its forms. However, it is only the more sophisticated dining that is typically found in



"French restaurants" outside France.



To that end, La Maison Blanche arrives at First Place Cairo to break the stereotype and educate food lovers, offering an unparalleled French cuisine experience in an exceptional modern interior design.

International interior design superstar Didier Gomez has taken an outstanding design direction with the creation of this restaurant. The trendy setting is very eclectic and ultra-modern. The oversized fireplace adds coziness while the large sofas are designed for extreme comfort. The unique design blends several influences from the thirties, to ultra modern, to art deco.

The venue is divided into several areas including a long bar, a cigar lounge and a VIP area. While each room has its individual identity, the one link that connects the stunning scope is the fact that the furniture is all imported from France for a decidedly French feel.



The spectacular cuisine includes high-end French specialties guaranteed to keep guests coming back for more.

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SCARAB CLUB - Est. 2010 - <http://scarab-club.com/>



IS SITUATED INSIDE THE WALLS OF THE EXCLUSIVE EL GOUNA MANSIONS.

A high-flying entrepreneur and mechanical engineer, Tarek Khalil has taken his passion and turned it into a successful business. His latest business venture, coined 'The Scarab Club,' is



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centered on the concept of vogue apartment living in a rustic environment, containing a variety of entertainment and facilities. This niche, luxury compound is inspired by the surrounding natural environment and is fashioned out of a unique living and habitation concept where residents can enjoy a tranquil, simple yet exclusive lifestyle outfitted with all the modern trimmings. Scarab Club architect and project manager Amir Rothkegel is accustomed to working on topnotch projects, but in his opinion, the Scarab Club is special.



Executing the Scarab Club project with an international team, Rothkegel states that developing this project has been a constant pursuit of beauty, the simple pleasures of life, and the extraordinary. The compound is designed like a small oriental city, adapted to modern living needs. All the apartments have spacious yet private outdoor areas, completely secluded from



public view and with direct access to at least one of the nine swimming pools. Each apartment contains at least two views, which also creates natural ventilation. “That is why the Scarab Club will appeal to all the senses,” Rothkegel concluded. Of that, we have no doubt.

The Scarab Club Yacht

Enjoy the rewards of your success onboard our Fairline Yachts. Offering style, luxury and world-class performance – simply put, everything our guests enjoy in their own homes, the two yachts showcase the joy of luxury cruising. Scarab 1 & Scarab 2, both Fairline Targa Yachts, are perfectly suited for exploring the 40 beautiful islands surrounding El Gouna, as well as the lagoons and coastlines of the Red Sea.



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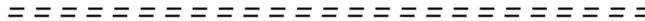


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