

Client: Ralph Trustees  
Completion: 2003



## THE GROVE, HERTFORDSHIRE

This competition winning scheme has been realised at The Grove, one of a new breed of country house hotels blending tradition with modernity.

The Grade II\* Listed mansion is set in over 300 acres of Green Belt parkland with lakes and has a three acre formal garden which has now been reinstated.

The mansion, which was in great disrepair after years of neglect, has been fully restored and reconfigured. The new extension, which houses most of the guestrooms, was conceived as a Garden Wall which is linked to the main house by a conservatory and orangery, maintaining the dominance of the Listed buildings in the wider landscaped setting.

The hotel now provides 16 luxury suites, 211 guestrooms, three restaurants including a 500-seat banqueting suite, and conference facilities with 25 meeting rooms. The Grade II Listed stable block houses a luxury health and leisure club with an indoor ozone pool and spa, fully equipped gym, dance studio and treatment rooms. There is also a world class, eighteen-hole championship golf course, designed by Kyle Philips: 'One of the finest new courses in Europe' (*The Times*, May 2004).

Just one year after its opening, The Grove has been awarded the 'AA Hotel of the Year Award' and is among the Condé Nast 'Hot List - 50 of the Coolest New Hotels in the World'.

