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WORLD MONUMENTS FUND TO HONOR HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA GAJSINGHJI II OF JODHPUR AT ANNUAL HADRIAN LUNCHEON IN OCTOBER

HADRIAN AWARD RECOGNIZES THE PIONEERING CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE MAHARAJA OF JODHPUR TO ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION IN INDIA

- WHAT** The World Monuments Fund (WMF) will present its annual Hadrian Award to His Highness Maharaja Gajasinghji II of Jodhpur in recognition of his extraordinary efforts to restore and protect India's architectural and cultural patrimony. The Maharaja has made enormous contributions through a wide range of projects and programs, including the converting of his family's Umaid Bhawan Palace and the fifteenth-century Mehrangarh Fort into a top ranked hotel and museum, raising awareness of the importance of environmental conservation, and creating a number of charitable and educational foundations.
- WHEN** **Friday, October 27, 2006**
Reception: Noon
Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.
- WHERE** **The Pierre Hotel**, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City
- HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA GAJSINGHJI II** His Highness Maharaja Gajasinghji II, who became Jodhpur's Prince of the Realm at the age of four, was educated at Eton College in England and Christ Church, Oxford. He returned to India in 1970, shortly before a constitutional amendment terminated the privy purses and privileges of all the rulers of former Indian states, and went to work promoting tourism and creating charitable foundations that range from medical care to community empowerment. His major interest has been in the area of heritage conservation, and the conversion of his palace and fort, which has attracted more than 500,000 tourists, is recognized as one of India's best managed sites. The Maharaja is an active member of the Governing Council of the Indian Trust For Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and is its Convenor for the Rajasthan Chapter.
- HONORARY CHAIRMAN** **Ronen Sen**, Ambassador of India to the United States
- CO-CHAIRS** **News Corporation, Sangita Jindal**
- STEERING COMMITTEE** **Brook Berlind, Joan Hardy Clark, Barbara Gimbel, Fernanda Kellogg, Pallavi Shah**
- GUESTS EXPECTED TO ATTEND** Among those expected to join **His Highness Maharaja Gajasinghji II**, WMF Chairman Marilyn Perry, and WMF President Bonnie Burnham are: **Paul Beirne, Brook and Roger Berlind, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blau, Ambassador W.L. Lyons and Alice Cary Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Butler, Amita Chatterjee, Payal and Rajiv Chaudri, Joan Hardy Clark, Catherine Curran, Joan K. Davidson, David Davies and Jack Weeden, Barbara de Portago, Vishakha Desai, Beth Rudin DeWoody, Jodie Eastman, Mica Ertegün, Barbara Fleischman, Ronald Fleming, Emily T. Frick, Deputy Consul General of India A.R. Ghanashyam, Barbara**

Gimbel, Sherwin Goldman, Sandy Hill, Fernanda Kellogg and Kirk Henkels, Mathilde Krim, Baroness M.Serilli Marimó, Mary McFadden, Terrence McInerney, Gita Mehta, Harvey Shipley Miller, Samuel and Rosetta Miller, Ann Nitze, David T. Owsley, Peter Pennoyer, Leon and Cynthia Polsky, Emily Rafferty, Ambassador to the US Ronen and Kalpana Sen, Pallavi Shah, Andrew Solomon, Elizabeth Stafford, Frederick A. Terry, Barbara Tober, WMF Europe President Bertrand du Vignaud, Dave and Reba Williams, Robert W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wohlgemuth, and many more.

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Presented annually by the World Monuments Fund since 1988, the Hadrian Award honors an international leader whose patronage has greatly enriched the appreciation and conservation of art and architecture around the world.

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Founded in 1965, the World Monuments Fund is the foremost private nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of endangered architectural and cultural sites around the world. From its headquarters in New York City—and offices and affiliates in Paris, London, Madrid, and Lisbon—WMF works with local partners and communities to identify and save important heritage through innovative programs of project planning, fieldwork, advocacy, grant-making, education, and on-site training. To date, WMF has helped save historic structures at more than 450 sites in over 80 countries. For more information, visit www.wmf.org.

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Benefactor ticket(s), each individual ticket at \$2,500
Patron ticket(s), each individual ticket at \$1,200
Sponsor ticket(s), each individual ticket at \$600

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