

Press Release

AVANI HOTELS & RESORTS TO DEBUT IN NORTH AFRICA WITH NEW OPENINGS IN TUNISIAN CAPITAL

Bangkok, 5 October 2017: AVANI Hotels & Resorts, the vibrant upscale brand by Minor Hotels, is pleased to announce it will debut in North Africa with two new properties in Tunisia, in partnership with Groupe Chaabane.

Scheduled to open in the coming months, **AVANI Les Berges Du Lac Tunis Suites** will be located in Les Berges du Lac II, a prime commercial, residential and diplomatic area in the Tunisian Capital. The 41-key property will offer exclusive serviced apartment accommodation options ranging from Studios to Three-Bedroom Apartments and Lofts, catering to corporate and extended-stay demand. There will also be an all-day dining restaurant and a health club with a gym, two spa treatment rooms, sauna and steam rooms, and an indoor swimming pool.

In addition and currently in its design phase, **AVANI Gammarth Tunis Resort & Spa** is expected to open in 2021 and will offer 250 keys in a prime beachfront location. Located 20 minutes from Tunis Airport and 30 minutes from the city centre, Gammarth is an upmarket coastal resort area of Tunis, catering to a mix of Leisure, Government, Corporate and MICE demand. The new resort will form part of a larger development that will include retail and entertainment zones. The new upscale hotel will offer 232 rooms and 18 private beach villas, five food & beverage outlets including a destination beach club, meeting space including a 1,000 square metre ballroom, a health club and AVANI Spa, in addition to two swimming pools and a kid's club.

Alejandro Bernabe, Vice President AVANI Hotels & Resorts, commented, *"We are really excited to be bringing our dynamic AVANI brand to North Africa with the launch of these two properties in Tunis. We look forward to working closely with Groupe Chaabane to launch the brand in the Tunisian capital, a market which we are confident has a lot of potential."*

Mr. Maher Chaabane, Chairman of Groupe Chaabane, also commented, *"We are pleased to partner with Minor Hotels and believe the AVANI brand will bring something new and exciting to the hospitality market in Tunis. We are confident that Group Chaabane's extensive real estate and hotel development experience, combined with Minor Hotels' hotel and resort management expertise, will ensure a successful partnership."*

Launched by Minor Hotels in 2011, AVANI Hotels & Resorts is an upscale, contemporary brand appealing to millennial minded travellers who appreciate quality and value. AVANI currently has 18 properties in operation in Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Seychelles, Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Zambia and the UAE, with the brand most recently launching in Europe in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon.

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Editor's Notes:

About AVANI Hotels & Resorts

AVANI Hotels & Resorts is the vibrant upscale brand from Minor Hotels. Offering relaxed comfort and contemporary style in city and resort destinations, AVANI was launched in response to an increasingly influential group of discerning travellers who appreciate stylish design and excellent service, but also demand great value. The brand currently has 18 properties in operation in Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Seychelles, Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Zambia, the United Arab Emirates and Portugal, with a pipeline of

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further openings in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Middle East. MH has plans to grow the brand across Asia, the Indian Ocean and the Middle East. W: www.avanihotels.com

About Groupe Chaabane

Groupe Chaabane is a diversified group of companies operating in Tunisia with its prime activities in the construction and real estate development sectors. The group developed and owns a number of landmark projects including Tunisia Mall in Tunis.

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