



Press Release

Minor Hotel Group Announces Partnership Agreement With Qatari Diar & Expands Footprint into North Africa

Bangkok, 16 April 2015: Minor Hotel Group (MHG), a hotel owner, operator and investor, currently with a portfolio of 126 hotels and resorts in 22 countries across Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Europe, South America, Africa and the Indian Ocean, today announces a partnership with Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company to develop two new Anantara resorts in North Africa, to open in 2017.

Anantara Tozeur Resort is a new luxury escape being developed by Qatari Diar in the southwest of Tunisia, in the city of Tozeur. This new-build Anantara will offer 93 luxurious guest rooms and villas, including pool villas, a selection of restaurants and bars, meeting and business facilities, kids and teens clubs, a health club and an Anantara Spa. A hub of Tunisia's Saharan tourism and easily accessible from the international airport, or by road or rail, the oasis city is known for its architecture and vast palm tree fields and is well known on the tourist trail for being the home of the original Star Wars film set.

Also under development is **Anantara Al Houara Tangier Resort** in northern Morocco. The hotel will be part of the extensive Al Houara project which Qatari Diar is developing in Tangier along 2.5km of beach front overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and will also include a signature 18-hole golf course with golf club and residential homes for sale. The new Anantara will offer 230 keys, a selection of restaurants and bars, a large Anantara Spa, a wellness centre, a fitness centre and kids and teens clubs. Tangier is a vibrant city with a rich history and is a well known tourist destination. The city is currently experiencing significant development, including tourism projects, a new business district, a new airport terminal, a sports stadium and the new Tangier-Med port.

Dillip Rajakarier, Chief Executive Officer of Minor Hotel Group, commented, *"We are excited to announce these two new Anantara resorts in North Africa in partnership with Qatari Diar. Our Anantara brand is now well established in the Middle East, with six properties in the UAE and our first resort in Qatar opened earlier this year, and we are keen to add North Africa to our footprint, where these two new resorts will help further develop luxury tourism within these destinations. We are looking forward to a strong alliance with Qatari Diar going forward, with scope to explore additional opportunities to expand our portfolio in the wider MENA region."*

Speaking about the agreement Khaled Mohammed Al Sayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Qatari Diar, said: *"Qatari Diar is building signature projects and facilitating vibrant new communities on an unprecedented scale. Our projects are significant, landmark projects that are often unrivalled in size, scope, and vision. We aim at creating distinguished developments not only in Qatar but around the world"*



and our partnership today with MHG, one of the largest hospitality and leisure companies in the Asia Pacific Region, goes in the same direction."

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Editor's Notes:

About Minor Hotel Group:

Minor Hotel Group (MHG) is a hotel owner, operator and investor, currently with a portfolio of 126 hotels and serviced suites in operation under the Anantara, AVANI, Per AQUUM, Oaks, Tivoli, Elewana, Marriott, Four Seasons, St. Regis and Minor International brands. Today MHG operates in 22 countries across Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Europe and South America. MHG continues to expand the home grown brands of Anantara and AVANI, plus continues to announce strategic acquisitions. For more information, please visit www.minorinternational.com.

About Qatari Diar:

The Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company was established by the Qatar Investment Authority to support the country's burgeoning economy. Currently involved in 49 landmark projects across 29 countries, it is valued at an estimated \$35 billion. Commissioned by the State of Qatar's sovereign wealth fund in 2005, Qatari Diar is tasked with prioritising and subsequently coordinating Qatar's real estate development. All while contributing to the ambitions articulated in the Qatar National Vision 2030. By executing elite domestic and international real estate projects, Qatari Diar continues to demonstrate a deep-rooted commitment to quality and sustainability within the global community. In doing so, Qatari Diar continues to be revered as one of the world's most esteemed real estate organisations.

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