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Rezidor signs and opens the Radisson Royal Hotel, Dubai and the Radisson Blu Resort, Fujairah Dibba

The Rezidor Hotel Group, one of the fastest growing hotel companies worldwide, announces two new key properties in the United Arab Emirates: The Radisson Royal Hotel, Dubai featuring 471 rooms and the Radisson Blu Resort, Fujairah Dibba with 257 rooms – both managed by JAL in the past – will be operated under the group’s successful core brand with immediate effect. The hotels are owned by ACICO Industries and its subsidiary, a Kuwait based publically listed company.

“The Radisson Royal Hotel, Dubai will be one of our flagships in the Middle East. It enjoys a prime location with outstanding visibility, an award-winning design, and world class service standards. We are proud and thankful to be the operator of such a high-quality asset”, said Rezidor’s President & CEO Kurt Ritter during his personal visit to Dubai today. “The Radisson Blu Resort, Fujairah Dibba further strengthens our growing portfolio of young and stylish resorts across Europe, Middle East and Africa, and opens new leisure markets to us”, continued Ritter.

“We are delighted to have chosen Rezidor to manage our hotels. We believe that this relationship is an optimal one for both organizations given Radisson Blu’s experience and presence in the Middle East and Europe. This experience will undoubtedly contribute to the success of our properties”, said Nabil Al Khaled, COO at ACICO Industries.

The **Radisson Royal Hotel, Dubai** is located on the prominent Sheikh Zayed Road which stretches from one end of the city to the other and is home to most of Dubai’s famous skyscrapers. Besides 375 rooms with a size of 41 square meters minimum, the property comprises 96 suites between 61 and 273 square meters. All rooms and suites offer breathtaking views over Sheikh Zayed Road or the Jumeirah beach side. The sleek, cosmopolitan and elegant interior has been designed by Draw Link Group (Dubai) and was awarded by the International Interior Design Association (Decade of Design Competition 2011, Honorable Mention in category “hotels”). The Radisson Royal Hotel, Dubai offers an all-day-dining restaurant and 3 specialty restaurants, a lobby lounge and pool bar, and a night club. A peaceful Zen Spa, fitness centre, and exclusive rooftop pool complement the excellent leisure services. For meetings and events, the hotel features 8 meeting rooms and a ballroom for up to 300 guests.

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The **Radisson Blu Resort, Fujairah Dibba** is situated between the Hajjar Mountains and the Gulf of Oman – guests enjoy a 500 metre sandy beach, the longest in the Emirate. The 257 rooms range from standard rooms to suites and will all be equipped with Radisson signature services such as free high speed internet access. Services of the resort comprise 5 restaurants, 2 bars, a lobby lounge and a beach lounge. The beautiful spa area includes 4 terrace pools and a fitness centre, and the hotel has a dive centre and a dedicated pool and playground area for children. Business travellers find a multi-purpose hall and indoor conference space at the hotel as well as outdoor venues for up to 1,000 attendees.

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About The Rezidor Hotel Group

The Rezidor Hotel Group is one of the fastest growing hotel companies in the world. The group features a portfolio of more than 400 hotels in operation and under development with 88,800 rooms in over 60 countries.

*Rezidor operates the brands **Radisson Blu Hotels & Resorts**, **Park Inn by Radisson** and **Country Inns & Suites** in Europe, Middle East and Africa, along with the Club Carlson loyalty programme for frequent hotel guests. Under a worldwide licence agreement with the iconic Italian fashion house Missoni, Rezidor also operates and develops the new lifestyle brand **Hotel Missoni**.*

In November 2006, Rezidor was listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Carlson, a privately held, global hospitality and travel company, based in Minneapolis (USA), is the majority shareholder.

The Corporate office of the Rezidor Hotel Group is based in Brussels, Belgium.

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