# Press Release



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# Rezidor announces The Regent Doha, Qatar

The Rezidor Hotel Group announces the luxurious The Regent Doha in Qatar, and hereby adds the 55<sup>th</sup> country to its portfolio of hotels in operation and under development across EMEA. The Regent Doha will feature 365 rooms and is scheduled to welcome the first guests in Q1 2013. "We are delighted to further grow our most exclusive brand, and to have two spectacular Regent hotels under development in the Middle East - during the second quarter of 2011 we will open The Regent Abu Dhabi", said Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of Rezidor.

Qatar is an independent state, surrounded by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iran and the United Arab Emirates and has an area of more than 11,400 square kilometres. It is one of the richest countries in the world due to the substantial increase in oil prices and the growing exports of natural gas and hydrocarbons. Doha is its capital with a population of about 360,000 inhabitants. It is Qatar's largest city, with over 80% of the nation's population residing in Doha or its surrounding suburbs, and is also the economic centre of the country.

The Regent Doha will be located in the Bin Mahmoud district of Doha, 2.8 kilometres from the sea and 6 kilometres from Doha International Airport. Besides 365 outstanding rooms including 5 exclusive bungalows, the property will offer 2 bars, an all day restaurant, 2 specialty restaurants, a pool café, and an executive lounge. The world class meeting facilities will include a ballroom, a business centre, several meeting rooms and boardrooms. The Regent Doha will also offer a truly luxurious Spa facility equipped with steam bath, massage and treatment rooms. Further services will include a gymnasium, squash courts, a games & recreation area, and an indoor swimming pool.

In Qatar, much of the country's new found wealth is being invested in tourism and real estate. Some of the main tourism-related projects under development are the Exhibition Centre at the Education City; the Pearl Qatar project located on a 400-hectare man-made island east of the West Bay shoreline and including residential, leisure and retail components; the Lusail mixeduse development; and the Bahrain-Qatar Causeway which will be the world's longest fixed connection linking the west and east coast of Qatar.

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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 350 hotels in operation and under development with 74,555 rooms in 55 countries.

Rezidor operates the brands **Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts**, **Regent Hotels & Resorts**, **Park Inn** and **Country Inns & Suites** in Europe, Middle East and Africa, along with the goldpoints plus<sup>SM</sup> loyalty programme for frequent hotel guests. Rezidor has signed a worldwide license agreement with the Italian fashion house Missoni, in order to develop and operate a lifestyle hotel brand of the same name: **Hotel Missoni**.

In November 2006, Rezidor was listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Carlson Companies is the main shareholder (42%).

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

For more information on Rezidor, visit www.rezidor.com

## **About Regent Hotels & Resorts**

The Regent brand encompasses luxury hotels, resorts, residences and cruises throughout the world to offer discerning travelers The Regent Experience<sup>SM</sup>. Regent Seven Seas operates a fleet of medium-sized luxury cruise ships that visit over 300 ports on all seven continents, including Antarctica, and is consistently ranked among the world's top cruise lines. Regent Hotels & Resorts offers a global portfolio of luxury properties in Beijing; Singapore; Taipei; Berlin; Zagreb; Bal Harbour, Florida; Bordeaux; and Turks and Caicos. Future global developments include properties in The Republic of Maldives; Bangkok, Thailand; Phuket Cape Panwa, Thailand; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Manila Bay, the Philippines; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico; and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.