

Rezidor Announces the Radisson Resort & Spa, Tangier / Morocco

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The Rezidor Hotel Group (STO:REZT) announces the Radisson Resort & Spa, Tangier in Morocco - the property with 155 rooms is scheduled to open in Q4 2010. It is Rezidor's second resort in the country: in June this year the company signed the Radisson Resort & Spa, Saïdia (384 rooms and 97 villas, to open in Q3 2010).

'Our portfolio in Africa now comprises more than 20 hotels with almost 5,400 rooms in operation and under development', says Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of Rezidor. 'This emerging region offers a huge potential and remains in our focus.'

The Radisson Resort & Spa, Tangier will be located on the east end of the Bay of Tangier in the Ghandouri area - spread out over 2.7 hectares on a slope towards the Mediterranean Sea. Its development is part of 'Plan Mada'in', initiated by the King of Morocco and aiming to reposition and extend eight existing tourist destinations in the country.

The project is owned and will be developed by Société Hôtelière et Immobilière du Nord, a subsidiary of the Luxembourg based Aerium Atlas Investments. Kilo Architecture (Paris & Casablanca) and Julio Touza y Asociados (Madrid) are providing the architecture and interior design whilst Thed International (Tourism Hotel Engineering Development) is providing hotel consultancy. Besides 155 rooms featuring 17 suites and 41 villas the resort will offer a Thalasso centre with a minimum surface of 1,000 square meters and operated by the French spa 'Thalgo', 2 restaurants, 2 bars, leisure facilities like a swimming pool and a kids club, conference areas, and a business centre.

Tangier is one of the most beautiful and popular cities in Morocco and has long been a favorite of film producers who have recorded parts of various James Bond movies ("Living Daylights", "From Russia with Love"), several Indiana Jones series and "The Bourne Ultimatum" movie here. It is also home to many of the world's renowned artists, musicians and designers. The city is also an important industrial hub and attracts a growing number of foreign companies like General Motors and Renault. Moreover, Tangier will soon be positioned as the most important port in the Mediterranean Sea and on the African continent thanks to the Med Port project. This complex which is estimated at 3 billion Euro after full completion (expected by mid-2009) will create around 145,000 direct and indirect jobs and will have a positive impact on the number of tourist arrivals in the city. Tangier has an international airport located 11 kilometers from the city centre, and regular ferry connections link its harbor to Spain and France.

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