

Rotana opens its second five star hotel in Doha

City Centre Rotana will offer the best amenities for business and leisure guests in the West Bay

Doha, Qatar – 5th January 2016: Rotana, one of the leading hotel management companies in the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Eastern Europe, has announced today the soft opening of City Centre Rotana Doha, the city's newest five-star hotel. Developed by Al Rayyan Tourism Investment Company (ARTIC) the international hotel investment and hospitality subsidiary of Al Faisal Holding Company, the City Centre Rotana Doha is located in the West Bay area. This 52-storey tower features 287 luxurious modern rooms and suites and 94 serviced apartments.

To mark this occasion, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Faisal Al Thani, ARTIC's Vice Chairman, said: "We are delighted to welcome our guests to City Centre Rotana, the latest addition to ARTIC's growing portfolio of high quality assets. Qatar is witnessing a remarkable growth in the tourism sector and we are committed to playing a key role in supporting this growth. With City Centre Rotana, we are offering a unique addition to Qatar's hospitality market that specifically caters to today's modern travelers. The hotel provides guests with excellent facilities which will undoubtedly set even higher standards in Qatar's vibrant hospitality sector."

City Centre Rotana offers exquisite dining venues to suit all tastes, from stylish to informal, fusion to international and state-of-the art facilities for conference and seminar requirements with the latest high-tech facilities including the grand ballroom, fully equipped meeting rooms as well as a business centre. The hotel also includes a state-of-the-art Bodylines Leisure and Fitness Club, massage rooms as well as sauna and jacuzzi rooms which are all linked to an outdoor swimming pool and a landscaped patio space.

Commenting on the opening, Mr. Omer Kaddouri, President and CEO of Rotana said: "Qatar's hospitality sector is one of the most vital sectors in the region, especially with the global status that Doha holds in attracting international events in general and sports-related ones in particular. Opening our third hotel in Qatar, following the 5 star Oryx Rotana and Sedra Residences by Rotana, is a major milestone for us. With this, our existence in this promising market will help us grow and move forward in our expansion plans and we are very confident that City Centre Rotana will provide the utmost standards and quality services for its guests."

"With the opening of City Centre Rotana, Rotana's inventory in Doha has increased to more than one 1000 rooms. Moreover, the second quarter of this year is slated to witness the opening of Centro Capital Doha, our first hotel to be launched in the country under the lifestyle affordable brand Centro Hotels by Rotana, which will then add another 229 rooms to our portfolio in Qatar," he added.

City Centre Rotana is characterized by its connection to the City Center Doha shopping complex – the leading family shopping mall in Doha. Further, the hotel is only 30 minutes away from the airport, 15 minutes away from the traditional Souq Waqif, the banks’ street and the Museum of Islamic Art.

Mr. Joseph Coubat, General Manager of City Centre Rotana, cited: “Today, we are witnessing the opening of a new experience in the heart of Doha. This city is considered to be the most vibrant place in the region due to its position on the global conferences and exhibitions’ map. Moreover, Doha has been attracting major sports leagues and tournaments, especially the 2022 World Cup – the most awaited event. Our opening today enhances our brand’s existence in this country and also supports the government’s efforts to boost the tourism sector.”

The hotel also seeks to offer its guests an exquisite culinary experience offered by the most skilled chefs. “**Olive Oil**” the all-day dining restaurant featuring cuisines from around the world will offer an international buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner in a relaxing atmosphere. The lobby lounge “**Caramel**” will serve fresh bakery, a wide variety of sandwiches and salads and is the ideal venue for an informal get together over a cup of coffee or a refreshing cocktail with family or friends. “**Boston’s**” –the restaurant and lounge that will open in mid-January, will offer a variety of cocktails and sumptuous dishes to relax and unwind with friends, while “**Teatro**” that is scheduled to be opened in March will offer an intriguing menu featuring masterpieces from Thai, Indian, Chinese, Japanese Sushi and Italian cuisines. To add an oriental touch, “**Misk**” – the specialty Lebanese restaurant, which will open its doors in April, will offer a variety of authentic cuisine with a contemporary Arabic flavor. Further, to relax and get out of business and working mode, “**Aquarius**”, the outdoor lounge will provide complete comfort and a variety of options for dinner with a large variety of appetizers.

City Centre Rotana also provides a ballroom and meeting rooms, which matches the diverse demands and varies in size between 40 square meters and 842 square meters, depending on the space needed by organizers for events, conferences or exhibitions. In addition to the business centre, there are 11 meeting rooms that are available 24/7 and are equipped with state-of-the-art audio and video systems.

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About City Centre Rotana Doha

City Centre Rotana Doha is located in the West Bay area, and is conveniently connected to the City Center Shopping Mall, mere steps from the new Doha Convention Centre. The 5-star hotel is nestled in the business and commercial district, just 30 minutes away from Hamad’s International Airport and 15 minutes from the famous Souq Waqif, banking district and the Islamic Museum.

Specially designed for ultimate comfort and convenience, the 287-room City Centre Rotana Doha presents its guests a subtle blend of retro and modern designs, accompanied by warm Arab hospitality to create the perfect lodging experience for both business and leisure guests. Offering a scenic walkway, it takes visitors directly to the Corniche.

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