



Marriott Marquis Hotel an Exceptional Addition to Doha

Al Rayyan Tourism and Investment Company 'ARTIC' enhances its international hotel portfolio with the introduction of the Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel

Doha, Qatar – 2 August 2014 – Al Rayyan Tourism and Investment (ARTIC), the international hospitality subsidiary of Al Faisal Holding Company, one of Qatar's largest private diversified industry groups, has today announced a new hotel brand in Doha's West Bay district, where three hotels will be merged to become one property.

The Renaissance Doha, Courtyard Doha and Marriott Executive Apartments Doha will collectively be rebranded to become the Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel.

"Marquis" is a brand extension of the Marriott Hotels and JW Marriott Hotels brands. It is given to select properties that are distinguished by their exceptional offerings and iconic locations, including expansive meeting facilities, multiple restaurants and grand public spaces.

The 5-star Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel, located at Omar Al Mukhtar Street, West Bay, is directly connected to the City Center Mall. With 580 guest rooms, 1200 square meters of flexible meeting space and breath-taking views of the Doha skyline and Arabian Gulf, it is an ideal property to represent the "Marquis" brand distinction.

Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani, Chairman of Al Rayyan Tourism Investment Company (ARTIC), said: "ARTIC's investment portfolio is renowned for its high quality properties. There are three elements on which we never compromise when buying or developing any property - quality, location and architectural design. It is these core values that enable us to attract world class international operators with high-end brands to partner with us. By introducing Marriott's modern and elegant "Marquis" brand in Doha we will further enhance the high-end market offering and add significant value to our hotel portfolio. Our success in attracting "Marriott Marquis" for these three prime hotels demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest quality and reflects the strength of the relationships we develop with our partners. We look forward to further cooperation with Marriott International in the future."



Alex Kyriakidis, President and Managing Director of Marriott International Middle East and Africa, commented: “Marriott Hotels is our flagship brand designed for frequent travelers who want to make the most of every opportunity presented by travel. In addition, the iconic Marriott Hotels brand is on a continuous journey to maintain its position as a leader in innovation to satisfy guests and thereby attract strategic partners like ARTIC.”

Marriott Hotels is bringing a new concept which is the “Greatroom” to modern travelers. It is designed with great style, thoughtful substance and tailored hosting experiences to enable the guest to travel brilliantly.

Andreas Wissdorf, General Manager of the Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel, said: “The Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel is located in the heart of West Bay, with a direct connection to the City Center Mall with over 340 stores. The Hotel offers 17 state-of-the-art meeting rooms and a range of restaurants and lounges with food and beverage options from around the world. The Marriott Marquis also offers one of the finest spas in Doha, the Saray Spa. This serene spa offers traditional Middle Eastern treatments and products and provides an authentic reviving experience.”

Rutger Smits, CEO of ARTIC, added: “ARTIC aims to capitalise on the opportunities that arise from Qatar’s significant investments in Qatar’s tourism infrastructure and will continue to play an integral role in supporting Qatar’s National Tourism Strategy. In addition to the Marriott Marquis, ARTIC has several more hotel projects under development and in the process of acquisition.”

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About Al Rayyan Tourism Investment Company

Established in 2003, Al Rayyan Tourism and Investment Company “ARTIC”, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Al Faisal Holding, based in Qatar. ARTIC is engaged in real estate development, acquisition and leasing with a primary focus on the hospitality sector and hospitality-related services both in Qatar and overseas.

In line with Al Faisal Holding’s strategy for the growth of its domestic and international hospitality business, ARTIC’s current portfolio comprises of over 20 operating hotels and projects in the Middle East and Africa, Europe, and North America. In addition to its hotel portfolio in prime cities around the world, ARTIC also owns hospitality-related services providing cost-effective support services in a shared service model, including laundry, catering and procurement services.

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About Marriott Hotels

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