

News Release

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts debuts in Riyadh with new landmark property.

Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh has opened its doors, marking the hospitality firm's first property in the Saudi capital and its 10th in the kingdom.



Dubai (United Arab Emirates), 30 August 2015: The brand new Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh opened its doors today marking the debut of the Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts brand in Saudi Arabia's dynamic capital city.

The hotly anticipated five-star property features 438 luxury rooms and suites and commands a prime location, based in the business district on King Fahad Road opposite the Ministry of Interior and just 30 minutes from Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport.

To mark the occasion, a high-profile celebration took place at the property under the patronage of HRH Prince Faisal Bin Bandar Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Governor of Riyadh, which was attended by many of the city's prominent business leaders.

"We are thrilled to be opening the first Mövenpick hotel in Saudi's vibrant capital, which also marks another major milestone as our 10th property in the kingdom," said Andreas Mattmüller, Chief Operating Officer, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts, Middle East and Asia.

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“We have always felt a strong connection with the Riyadh community and are delighted now to have the opportunity to welcome guests to our fantastic new property, offering them our warm hospitality and a host of modern facilities, from the spectacular ballroom to signature dining experiences.”

Residents and guests alike will be tempted to savour Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh’s gourmet cuisine, with restaurants including Acacia by Pierre Gagnaire, the highly acclaimed French Michelin-starred chef, Naya serving Modern Lebanese cuisine, authentic Indian restaurant Anardana, and all-day dining outlet Horizon. For a drink or light snack, the Rotunda lobby lounge is expected to fast gain local notoriety.

The hotel also caters to the particular needs of women guests, teaming up with famous beautician Joelle Mardini to create its all-female Aurora Spa by Joelle.

Additional property features include the Rio Health Club with modern fitness equipment, massage rooms, sauna, ice room and pool; 12 meeting venues including a 1,200-square-metre Grand Ballroom; and a Kids Club.

“There will always be something new, lively and interesting happening at Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh,” said General Manager Philippe Bonnot. “The property is destined to become a local landmark.”

Mr. Mohamed Bin Dawood, the CEO of Manafea Holding Co., which owns Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh, said the company’s partnership with Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts was a “winning formula”.

“Together we have created a distinctive hotel that will mark a new era for Riyadh, introducing a new style of hospitality and service the local market will highly appreciate,” he said.

Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh’s debut marks another step towards Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts achieving its goal to operate at least 15 properties across Saudi Arabia by 2020. This latest hotel opening boosts the hospitality firm’s inventory to 3,894 keys kingdom wide.

More information available at www.moevenpick-hotels.com/riyadh

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<http://moevenpick-hotels.com/fileadmin/files/Press/Riyadh.zip>

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About Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts:

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts, an international upscale hotel management company with over 16,000 staff members, is represented in 24 countries with 83 hotels, resorts and Nile cruisers currently in operation. Around 20 properties are planned or under construction, including those in Chiang Mai (Thailand), Bali (Indonesia) and Marrakech (Morocco).

Focusing on expanding within its core markets of Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts specialises in business and conference hotels, as well as holiday resorts, all reflecting a sense of place and respect for their local communities. Of Swiss heritage and with headquarters in central Switzerland (Baar), Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts is passionate about delivering premium service and culinary enjoyment – all with a personal touch. Committed to supporting sustainable environments, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts has become the most Green Globe-certified hotel company in the world.

The hotel company is owned by Mövenpick Holding (66.7%) and the Kingdom Group (33.3%). For more information, please visit www.moevenpick-hotels.com.