

Rezidor opens the Park Inn Poliarne Zori Murmansk, Russia

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The Rezidor Hotel Group announces the Park Inn Murmansk – the existing 266 room-property joined the company's portfolio on December 31, 2008. "This marks a new milestone for Rezidor in Russia & CIS, where we now have close to 10,000 rooms in operation and under development", says Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of Rezidor.

The Park Inn Poliarne Zori Murmansk is located in the centre of Murmansk, the largest city on the Kola Peninsula in the northernmost part of Russia - close to the borders of Finland and Norway. The hotel was built in 1973 and has recently been renovated. Besides 266 rooms it offers a restaurant, two bars and a fully-equipped gym and sauna. The property also hosts the most popular night spot in Murmansk, a 250-seat nightclub. From the hotel guests have easy access to attractions like the Regional History Museum, the Alyosha Statue and the Cathedral. The commercial areas of Murmansk are also nearby.

Murmansk, also known as Romanov-on-Murman, dates back to 1916 and is named after the Russian Royal dynasty - The Romanovs. Besides its natural beauty, the region around the city is known for the Shtokman field, one of the world's largest natural gas fields. Located in the Russian sector of the Barents Sea, the continued exploitation and expansion of the field is a key demand-driver for hotels in the area. The region is also strategically important to Russia as the home of the Russian Northern Fleet.

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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 360 hotels in operation and under development with over 76,000 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 plusSM 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.

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