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## **Carlson Rezidor announces the Park Inn by Radisson Riyadh Olaya and the Radisson Blu Resort Jizan in Saudi Arabia**

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group, one of the most dynamic and largest hotel groups worldwide, announces two new hotels in Saudi Arabia: The Park Inn by Radisson Riyadh Olaya (168 rooms) will open in Q1 2014; the Radisson Blu Resort Jizan (160 rooms) will welcome the first guests in Q1 2015. Both properties are joint projects between Carlson Rezidor as the operator and the Saudi Arabian Al Hokair Group as the owner. The existing hotel in Riyadh will undergo a renovation programme.

“We are delighted to further strengthen our steadily growing portfolio in the Middle East together with such a powerful and experienced partner like Al Hokair, and thank our partners for their trust”, said Wolfgang M. Neumann, President & CEO of Rezidor.

The mid-market **Park Inn by Radisson Riyadh Olaya** is located in the heart of the Kingdom’s capital, between the main King Fahed and Olaya Roads; 35km south of King Khaled International Airport, Saudi Arabia’s largest air facility. The hotel is within close proximity to major offices, ministries and landmarks, as well as the high-end retail and commercial district of Olaya. As well as 164 comfortable rooms (including 50 suites), the property offers 340m<sup>2</sup> of bar and restaurant facilities, 700m<sup>2</sup> of meeting space, as well as a 300m<sup>2</sup> wellness and gym area.

The upper upscale **Radisson Blu Resort Jizan** is Carlson Rezidor’s first project in Jizan, one of Saudi Arabia’s major shipping ports on the Red Sea. The full service hotel will be located on the Jizan Waterfront, off the Makkah and Corniche Roads Roundabout. It will be only 3km away from the city centre and 5km from Jizan’s regional airport. The area surrounding the hotel and the entire city are witnessing major developments, including an oil refinery development spear-headed by Aramco, Saudi Arabia’s national oil and gas company. The Radisson Blu Resort Jizan will include 150 contemporary rooms with signature services such as free high speed internet access, a 250m<sup>2</sup> all-day dining restaurant, a 100m<sup>2</sup> lobby cafe, almost 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of meeting and event facilities including two ballrooms, as well as wellness facilities with an outdoor pool.

### **About Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group**

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group is one of the world’s largest and most dynamic hotel groups. The portfolio of the Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group includes more than 1,300 hotels in operation and under development, a global footprint spanning 100 countries and territories and a powerful set of global brands (Radisson Blu, Radisson®, Park Plaza®, Park Inn by Radisson, Country Inns & Suites By Carlson<sup>SM</sup> and Hotel Missoni). The group plans to

grow the portfolio to nearly 1,500 hotels in operation and under development by 2015. In most of the group's hotels, guests can benefit from the loyalty program Club CarlsonSM, one of the most rewarding loyalty programs in the world. Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group and its brands employ more than 85,000 people.

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group is headquartered in Minneapolis, USA; and Brussels, Belgium.

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