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Rezidor opens the first Radisson SAS Hotel in Kazakhstan

The Rezidor Hotel Group has opened the first Radisson SAS Hotel in Astana, Kazakhstan. "With this property, we underline the importance the Commonwealth of Independent States has for our development strategy", comments Kurt Ritter, President & CEO of The Rezidor Hotel Group.

The new Radisson SAS Hotel is located in the old city center of Astana, adjacent to the bridge leading into the new part of town. It is part of the most exclusive lifestyle complex of the capital – called "Arman" ("dream") and including a Business Center, a department store, an office tower, restaurants, recreation facilities, trade galleries, large commercial areas and a world-class fitness club and Spa.

The hotel offers 181 rooms and suites soaked in local flavours, styled with traditional arts and crafts, and equipped with modern amenities like flat screen TVs, free high-speed internet access and Nespresso coffee machines. Radisson SAS also has the most luxurious Presidential Suite in Astana, with views of River Ishim and the city from the 18th floor. The suite stretches over 275 square meters and comprises two en-suite bathrooms, a family room, a lounge, a study and a fully equipped kitchen. "Capri", the signature restaurant of the hotel, is the perfect place for an al fresco dining even in cold winter. In addition, the hotel features a lobby bar, a cigar bar and a night club. Five meeting rooms range between 38 and 1200 square meters and are equipped with modern audiovisual technology.

Kazakhstan is one of the largest countries of the world. It is an ethnically diverse republic which gained independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991. Located in the centre of Eurasia, Kazakhstan has found itself at the crossroads of the world's most ancient civilisations and trade routes. It is Kazakhstan's rich past and traditional values that have built the foundations of a promising future. By 2015, Kazakhstan expects to be one of the top ten oil producers and exporters in the world, i.e. reserves as vast as Kuwait. The city of Astana has had its own colourful upbringing. Being the capital of Soviet Virgin Lands and now the independent Kazakhstan, the city has adorned many names, i.e. Akmola, Tselinograd and then finally Astana, which actually means the "Capital City" in Kazakh language. The city is located in central Kazakhstan on the Ishim River in a very flat, semi-desert steppe region.

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The Rezidor Hotel Group is one of the fastest growing hotel companies in the world. The group features a portfolio of 272 hotels in operation and under development in 47 countries, encompassing approximately 55,000 rooms. Rezidor operates the Carlson brands Radisson SAS Hotels & Resorts, Regent International Hotels, Park Inn and Country Inns & Suites in Europe, Middle East and Africa, along with the goldpoints plusSM loyalty program for frequent hotel guests. Rezidor has signed a worldwide license agreement with the Italian fashion house Missoni, 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. With 35%, Carlson Companies currently is the main shareholder.

The Corporate Office of the Rezidor Hotel Group is based in Brussels, Belgium.

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