

## Dusit maintains momentum in Saudi Arabia

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Fresh on the heels of announcing an unprecedented joint venture (JV) hotel management company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dusit International confirms the first two projects of the newly established JV company that are now underway.

The collaboration between Dusit and local partners Dyar Hotels and Resorts is off to a strong start, now that the Dusit Thani Jeddah and dusitD2 Salwa Doha (Qatar) hotels have been confirmed.

Scheduled to open in 2018 in the Kingdom's second largest city, the **Dusit Thani Jeddah** will come under Dusit's original upper-upscale hotel brand Dusit Thani, most well-known for providing its legendary gracious hospitality to guests worldwide. The hotel will offer 211 guest rooms, including 38 suites and one Royal Suite. Dining options will range from a coffee shop to all-day dining and specialty restaurants.

Business travellers will be well catered for with an Executive Lounge, business centre and multi-purpose hall to suit various meeting and event needs. Additionally, a dedicated floor for female guests, separate male and female spas and a swimming pool will ensure guests have a thoroughly comfortable stay.

With a convenient location on the city's main arterial road, just 2.5 kilometres from the upcoming mixed-use Jeddah Gate development, the Dusit Thani Jeddah will be within easy reach of both midtown and the Corniche.

In neighbouring Qatar, the **dusitD2 Salwa** is also slated to open in 2018. It will come under Dusit's chic and contemporary "next generation" dusitD2 brand, offering 240 guest rooms including 28 suites. Operated in a Shariah-compliant manner, the two specialty restaurants, an all-day dining option, 2 wedding halls, 10 meeting rooms, a swimming pool and spa will provide facilities and services to suit all leisure and business travellers.

The dusitD2 Salwa will be located right in the heart of Doha, just minutes away from tourist attractions such as the Doha Fort, Souq Waquif and the Qatar National Museum. This ideal location also means the hotel will be only 5 kilometres away from the Doha International Airport and 10 kilometres away from the new Hamad International Airport.

Aside from these projects, a further five properties are currently under negotiation by the JV company in the Holy Cities of Makkah and Madinah. Together, these cities form the largest tourism market within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and present a host of opportunities for the growing company.

"We are thrilled to move ahead on these two exciting projects which set solid foundations for the JV," said Mr Andrew Shaw, Director of Development – Europe, Middle East and Africa of Dusit International. "We are confident that with the support of our partners at Dyar Hotels and Resorts, who have over 30 years of local expertise, we will succeed in bringing completely unique products to the market, marrying our hallmark gracious Thai hospitality with local customs and traditions."

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