

# Press Release

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## Shaza Hotels announces two new properties in Saudi Arabia

Shaza Hotels signs with Al-Rajhi Investments to operate two hotels in Makkah and Riyadh.

**Dubai, UAE.** The 251-key Shaza Hotel in Makkah is due to open within the next 12 months, whilst the 205-key hotel in the capital of the Kingdom, currently under development, is due to open in 2017.

Commenting on the signing, Simon Coombs, President and CEO of Shaza Hotels, said: "Following the opening of Shaza Al Madina and the signing of Shaza Jeddah, we have been actively searching for the right opportunities to increase our portfolio of hotels in the Kingdom. We are very proud and honoured to have been selected by Al-Rajhi Investments as the operator for these luxury properties in Makkah and Riyadh. Our companies share common values and objectives. In close coordination with Al Rajhi Investments, Shaza Hotels are crafting hotels that we hope will be admired for their design, services and people."

Shaza Makkah is located in Jabal Ka'aba with extensive views of Al-Masjid Al-Haram. The guests will be embraced by a sanctuary of calm in the contemplative atmosphere of the hotel rooms, restaurant and the signature lounge.

Shaza Riyadh is inspired by an Andalusian riad, and is located on the Eastern Ring Road next to the Al Rajhi Grand Mosque, an upcoming district of the capital. The 205 rooms have been designed and equipped for the needs of corporate, leisure and long staying guests. The hotel will have wellness facilities, traditional cuisine in a contemporary setting and purpose planned banqueting rooms.





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#### Shaza Hotels

Shaza Hotels is an independent hotel management company operating five star hotels under its own unique and distinctive brand. Shaza is inspired by the cultures of the Silk Route in a contemporary setting. These cultures have strong similarities across the region in architecture, art, language, cuisines, values and hospitality. Shaza Hotels represent these cultural similarities in a contemporary style with understanding and sincerity, creating richness and inspirational spaces that guests from the region desire. Shaza Hotels' projects include: Al Madina, Amman, Bahrain, Doha, Jeddah, Makkah, Muscat, Riyadh and Salalah.

### Sulaiman Abdulaziz Al-Rajhi Real Estate Investment Company

Part of the Suleiman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi Real Estate Investment Company; Al-Rajhi Investment provides products and services in line with the rapid growth of the hospitality sector in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The hotel management company owns several hotels across the Kingdom, including the Crowne Plaza Medina Hotel, which consists of 506 rooms and suites, and Crowne Plaza Al Khobar, one of the most important tourist attractions in the city.

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### **PHOTOS**



Simon Coombs, President & CEO of Shaza Hotels & CEO of Al Rajhi Investments after signing the management agreements for Shaza Makkah & Shaza Riyadh.



Shaza Makkah - Standard Room



Shaza Riyadh - Lobby

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