

THE YAS HOTEL – VISIONARIES Press information

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Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh, Chairman - Aldar Properties

Ahmed is involved in a number of the development initiatives of the Government. In addition to being the Chairman of Aldar Properties, he is the Chief Executive Officer of Dolphin Energy Limited, a Board member at the First Gulf Bank and Mubadala Development Company.

Ahmed has had a wide range of positions of responsibility at leading Government organisations including the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Abu Dhabi Investment Company. Ahmed holds a degree in economics and finance from Lewis & Clark College, USA.

Paul Bell, Director - Aldar Properties

Paul is the Managing Director of Aldar Hotels and Hospitality LLC, and is responsible for overseeing the development and ongoing management of all hotel and branded accommodation assets on Aldar developments.

Immediately prior to his current position, Paul was Vice President of Business Development EMEA for InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) and has held a number of roles of increasing responsibility and seniority in two spells with IHG. In the late 1990's Paul led the development of Stannifer (subsequently Somerston's) hotel businesses in the UK and served as Managing Director from 2000 to 2004.

Paul has considerable hotel, leisure and F&B brand, development and management experience gained within UK and EMEA operational and development roles with leading global brand owners and has been involved in the commissioning and launch of a number of products, services and brands into new markets. He is a past Finance Director and an Executive Board Member of the British Franchise Association.

Jean-François Laurent, General Manager - The Yas Hotel

Jean-François is a veteran hospitality professional and a specialist in award-winning and innovative hotels & resort developments bringing with him 14 years of experience in the GCC. His most recent roles have been as General Manager of the Fujairah Rotana and Director of Operations at the Elegant Heritage Mauritius.

He has launched and operated many successful hotel properties and Palaces across the Middle East and Far East including the Voile d'Or Resort & Spa at Bel Ombre in Mauritius, the Court of H.R.H Prince Adbulaziz Bin Fahd in Saudi Arabia, Naiade Resorts & Le Touessrok Hotel at the One & Only Resort in Mauritius and the Court of H.R.H King Al Kalifa – Kingdom of Bahrain.

Jean-François started his career in his family's business in France at La Renaissance Relais & Chateaux.

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The Yas Hotel

Opened in November 2009, The Yas Hotel, operated by Aldar Hotels & Hospitality, is the first in the hotel in the world to span a Grand Prix circuit, hosting the inaugural 2009 Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Offering 499 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, international cuisine in 8 restaurants and pioneering design and architecture, The Yas Hotel will host several illustrious events in its first year, ranging from fashion to sports on a global scale. Located on Yas Island, The Yas Hotel is 10 minutes drive from Abu Dhabi airport, 15 minutes from Abu Dhabi's National Exhibition Centre and 50 minutes from Dubai Marina.

Yas Island

The Yas Hotel is located on Yas Island, a natural island measuring 7.5km by 6.5km, which is currently being developed by Aldar Properties PJSC. As well as Yas Marina Circuit, the island will feature Ferrari World Abu Dhabi (the world's largest indoor theme park), Yas Links Abu Dhabi - an 18 hole Links Championship golf course - a VIP marina, Yas Marina, a water park and Yas Mall, a super-regional retail experience.

Aldar Hotels and Hospitality

Aldar Hotels and Hospitality, established in 2007 to become an industry leader in Abu Dhabi, offering established, strong working relationships with leading global and regional hospitality brands and management companies to offer products and services which will redefine hospitality in Abu Dhabi and the region. Aldar Hotels & Hospitality strives to establish levels of service that will set the benchmark for the Emirates, delivered by outstanding, motivated staff with bright futures.