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Carlson Rezidor announces the Radisson Blu Hotel Kingston upon Hull, United Kingdom

Carlson Rezidor, one of the most dynamic and largest hotel groups worldwide, strengthens its portfolio in the United Kingdom and announces the Radisson Blu Hotel Kingston upon Hull in conjunction with the developer Manor Property Group. The new-built property will feature 168 guest rooms, scheduled to open in late 2016, and will bring Carlson Rezidor's UK & Ireland portfolio to 51 hotels in operation and under development. Radisson Blu is Europe's largest upper upscale hotel brand.

"The United Kingdom is a key mature market for us, and we are delighted to bring our core brand Radisson Blu to Kingston upon Hull which will be the UK's "City of Culture" in 2017", said Wolfgang M. Neumann, President & CEO of Rezidor.

The Radisson Blu Hotel Kingston upon Hull will offer 168 contemporary rooms with Radisson Blu signature services such as free high speed internet access. Further services and facilities will comprise an all day dining restaurant, a lobby bar & café, and a health club. The hotel has also been designed to meet the needs of local businesses and their visitors – it will include 750m² of meeting space and underground parking. The building is part of the Manor Mill mixed-use development which will also feature a 23-floor residential tower, student homes, a 5000m² casino, and a plaza with restaurants and bars.

The hotel will be situated in the central business district of Hull along the shores of the River Hull. Kingston upon Hull is a strong secondary market and a major port on England's east coast – handling 13 million tons of cargo per year and more than 1 million ferry passengers. As the largest city in the area, Hull has established itself as an important hub for retail, commerce and manufacturing. Recent developments include "The Deep", one of the world's largest aquariums, shopping centers and the Hull & Humber World Trade Centre. Various new large scale developments have been

announced – e.g. large offshore wind farms and a wind turbine manufacturing plant by Siemens.

Mark Bailey, Hotel Development Director for Manor Property Group, commented: “We are delighted to be working with Rezidor in bringing a Radisson Blu to Hull - an upper upscale hotel is much needed within the city and will make a significant contribution to raising Hull’s hospitality profile. The Radisson Blu completes the jigsaw for Manor’s prestigious East Bank multi use development Manor Mill, enabling work to commence shortly. The exceptional facilities which will be provided by the development are timed to be open prior to Hull’s tenure as UK City of Culture 2017.”

Specialist hotel architects Leach Rhodes Walker added: “The design brief required the introduction of the internationally renowned Radisson Blu hotel to the development together with its significant restaurant, bar, lounge and meeting rooms. These public accessible facilities contained over three storeys have been designed to allow full visibility and interaction with the waterside walkways, and to bring additional vibrancy to the development’s central civic square. The curved facade of the hotel rises 12 storeys above the waterside offering sweeping panoramic views over the city”.

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 CarlsonSM 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 programme 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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With a current development portfolio valued in excess of £850 million, each scheme is managed from initial concept to completion by a highly respected in house and outsourced professional team.

Throughout the last three decades, Manor’s strategy has remained consistent, embrace market demands, and exceed expectations.

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