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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE VICEROY HOTEL AND RESIDENCES

### AT OMBRIA RESORT, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

*The world-leading resort development in the heart of the Algarve progresses towards its opening in early 2022*



**2019 (London):** Ombria Resort, the world-leading luxury real estate development in the heart of the Algarve, is thrilled to announce the commencement of construction on its five-star hotel, *Viceroy at Ombria Resort* and branded residences, the *Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort*. This marks a key development milestone in the lead up to the opening of the first phase of Ombria Resort in early 2022. Ombria Resort spreads over 150 hectares of serene, secluded and natural landscape in the inner Algarve, whilst being just 8 kilometres north of the charming town of Loulé.

With the ground excavations and geothermal system works ongoing since summer 2018 and now completed, construction began with immediate effect on the Hotel and Residences, as well as the Conference Centre. The golf course is also completed, with construction now starting on its stylish Golf Clubhouse, offering panoramic views across the course.

*The Viceroy at Ombria Resort* will feature 76 luxury guest rooms and suites in addition to 65 one- and two-bedroom branded residences, the *Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort*, both managed by five-star US-based operator Viceroy Hotel Group. Situated on a hilltop with 360-degree views of the surrounding green landscape, the five-star *Viceroy at Ombria Resort* has been designed by the international architectural firm WATG in partnership with and Portuguese architects PROMONTORIO, blending a countryside atmosphere with exceptional attention to design, service and detail. Extensive facilities and services will include a spa, healthcare and fitness facilities, several restaurants and bars, kids zone, astronomical observatory, a conference centre and indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

*The Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort* include 65 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, part of and located within the *Viceroy at Ombria Resort* hotel. Ranging in size from 70 to 173 sq.m of gross internal area, or 90 to 356 sq.m of total area, each of the apartments has a fully-fitted kitchen or kitchenette, living room, bedroom(s), bathroom(s) and terraces, some with their own private garden and swimming pool or jacuzzi. The apartments are sold freehold and are fully furnished and equipped to exacting five-star Viceroy Hotels & Resorts standards. Owners will have access to the hotel's facilities and services, including concierge and property management, provided by Viceroy Hotels & Resorts.

Designed by Jorge Santana da Silva, Ombria Resort's golf course will offer one of the finest golf challenges in the region, across an 18-hole, par 70 course spanning 6,000m. The Clubhouse will be built into the castle-like walls of an existing farm ruin and will house the reception desk and pro shop, as well as a Sports Bar and restaurant and outdoor terrace, a Gym, locker rooms with sauna and Jacuzzi, and an outdoor swimming pool. The elevated golf and countryside views of the bar's outdoor terrace will be the perfect place to socialise and unwind with a relaxing drink.

The Viceroy at Ombria Resort's unique geothermal system is one of the largest of the Iberian Peninsula. The innovative renewable energy system, along with solar panels, will meet the needs of indoor heating and cooling, hot water production and heating of the hotel pools and thus help to reduce the resort's overall carbon footprint and contribute to the development's sustainability ethos.

João Richard Costa, Director of Sales & Marketing, Ombria Resort commented: "We are thrilled with the ongoing momentum of Ombria Resort. Pre-sales of the Viceroy Residences started earlier this year and we have seen strong interest and sales, with the official launch expected imminently. We have recognised a high demand for high-end new-built properties in the Algarve, as property owners are inherently looking for three things: location, security and peace of mind, and Portugal, and particularly the Algarve, continues to deliver on all fronts. Branded Residences are also increasingly in demand, in particular with globally mobile, time-poor high-net-worth individuals seeking a high level of service and the fact that their property provides a rental return and is being well looked after when they're not using it. *The Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort* come fully-furnished, whilst owners will receive a guaranteed net rental income of minimum 5% for 5 years, with owner usage up to 10 weeks per year - an ideal investment for obtaining a Golden Visa or simply as investment in luxury real estate in a premium resort."

Julio Delgado, CEO, Ombria Resort commented: "We are delighted to announce these significant development milestones as we move closer to Ombria Resort's opening in early 2022. We are proud to be working with Viceroy Hotel Group, which brings the first Viceroy Residences to Europe. By working with such a prestigious and well-established brand, both our guests and owners will benefit from the professional services of a renowned operator and are buying into their ethos as well as ours."

Bill Walshe, CEO, Viceroy Hotel Group commented: "We are delighted with the substantial progress made thus far on the development of the Viceroy Hotel and Residences at Ombria Resort. Each phase of construction brings with it more excitement and we look forward to the brand's debut in Portugal in early 2022."

For about 15 years, the developer of Ombria Resort, Pontos Group, has been committed to the development of Ombria Resort with a vision to provide the finest resort experience by delivering a luxury development which is perfectly integrated into the area where it is located.

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#### **About Ombria Resort:**

Opening its first development phase in early 2022, Ombria Resort will set the bar as a new generation of low-density resort development where sustainability, the environment and support of the nature and local heritage lie at the heart of the resort. Ombria Resort will be designed to the highest international standards of design, service, quality and state-of-the-art facilities available both within the resort and locally including:

- 5-star Viceroy at Ombria Resort and Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort, which includes a spa, healthcare and fitness facilities, several restaurants and bars, kids zone, a conference centre and swimming pools, managed by Viceroy Hotel Group
- Three real estate development areas with 381 residential and investment units including luxury villas, townhouses, semi-detached villas and apartments starting from €300,000 to €4,000,000
- 18-hole golf course designed by renowned architect Jorge Santana da Silva and clubhouse
- Leisure and entertainment facilities, including an area for organic farming, honey harvesting facilities, astronomical observatory, heated swimming pools, beach club at one of the nearby beaches, paths for nature walks and mountain biking and other sports facilities

Ombria Resort's owner and developer is Pontos Group, a family-owned Finnish investment company.

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#### **About Viceroy Hotels & Resorts:**

Viceroy Hotels & Resorts inspires travelers with one-of-a-kind authentic lifestyle experiences that bring together provocative design and intuitive service in sought-after locations. A leader in modern luxury, Viceroy's vibe-led hospitality is guided by the brand promise "Remember to Live," an affirmation to create lifelong memories for each and every guest. Viceroy destinations are segmented into three distinct portfolio tiers to help travelers find exactly the kind of experience they're looking for. The Viceroy Icon Collection properties include epic hotels and resorts in Los Cabos, Chicago, Dubai, Beverly Hills, Riviera Maya, Snowmass, and St. Lucia, with forthcoming openings in Serbia, Algarve and Panama. The Viceroy Lifestyle Series hotels and resorts are found in attitude-led destinations such as Santa Monica. The Viceroy Urban Retreats in San Francisco and Washington D.C. have an independent spirit and bold, eccentric personalities. Viceroy Hotels & Resorts is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) DISCOVERY, a unique loyalty program offering exclusive benefits and experiences to its members at over 500 hotels around the world. For more information, visit [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

#### **About Pontos Group:**

Pontos Group is a family-owned Finnish company that selectively invests in real estate development, growth companies and private equity funds in different industries in Finland, the Baltic countries, and Portugal. Since it was established, the company's goal has been to secure sustainable growth in all its partnerships and investments. Pontos' real estate portfolio encompasses companies like LAK Real Estate, who develops Helsinki airport Aviapolis area, and direct investments like Viru Keskus shopping center and Sokos Hotel Viru, which provide versatile accommodation, shopping, and entertainment services in the downtown of Tallinn. Pontos is owned by Ilpo Kokkila (Chairman of the Board) and Timo Kokkila (CEO).

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