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## Grace Santorini and Fouka Bay Win MR&H Top Mediterranean Resort Award 2018

*[September, 2018]* –The Mediterranean Resort & Hotel Real Estate Forum (MR&H) today announced the winners of the Top Mediterranean Resort Awards created to recognize outstanding mixed-use resorts and developments across the region.

The popular public vote declared the following resorts as winners of the 2018 awards:

- Winner of the Top Mediterranean Resort – currently in operation: [Grace Santorini](#)
- Winner of the Top Mediterranean Resort – currently in development: [Fouka Bay](#)

Following the announcement of the winners, Alexi Khajavi, Managing Director of EMEA Hospitality + Travel Group, Questex said: “my sincere congratulations to both Grace Santorini and Fouka Bay, both innovative destinations and outstanding examples of leading resorts. We have been delighted to see significant interest in our awards this year with an increase both in the number of nominations and also the number of votes received compared to last year. Working closely with operators, developers and investors throughout this process has demonstrated the real appetite in this area of real estate and I’m looking forward to welcoming the winners and all those involved in this sector to [our event](#) next month.”



“We are honored to receive such recognition from this prestigious body. Fouka Bay on the North Coast of Egypt is the result of a driving ambition by Tatweer Misr to create the best upscale resort for families in the region,” Ahmed Shalaby, CEO and Managing Director of Tatweer Misr said in a statement on being announced as a winner. “For the diverse partnering firms involved in this project, and for me, Fouka Bay is a very meaningful project; it represents a new approach, one that is built on the aspiration of building value for our guests and owners alike. Tatweer Misr is strongly continuing its development of other iconic mixed used developments in Egypt including our flagship project II Monte Galala in Sokhna which will be opening in the coming

year and most recently Bloomfields in Cairo.”



Commenting on the award results, Lena Livanidou, Head of Europe, [Grace Hotels](#) said: “We are thrilled that Grace Santorini has been voted Top Mediterranean Resort 2018. To win such an accolade is testament to the continuous hard work of each and every colleague towards creating a memorable experience for our guests. We are immensely proud to see the hotel continue to shine in this very competitive marketplace”

Presentation of the awards will be made during a dedicated session at 13.45 (local time) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October during the forthcoming MR&H event. MR&H is the Mediterranean’s unique meeting place for mixed-use resort, hotel investment and development. Now in its fourth year, MR&H has become an established setting for business discussion, deal-making and discovering new and exclusive opportunities. The event takes place on the 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018<sup>th</sup> at Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso, Athens, Greece.

The conference programme for MR&H delivers a balance of trend analysis, investor insight and funding patterns alongside more practical discussions such as the most efficient operating structure and managing the relationships between the various stakeholders involved in mixed-use developments. The programme is live and available to [view here](#).

For more information on MR&H 2018, visit [www.mrandh.com](http://www.mrandh.com)

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