

# Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts says a fond farewell to long-term executive team member, Andreas Mattmüller

**Chief Operating Officer for Middle East & Africa retires following a successful and memorable 16-year career with the global hospitality firm**



**Dubai, UAE, 16 January 2017** – Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts is to say a fond farewell to one of its longest standing executive team members, Andreas Mattmüller.

The company's Chief Operating Officer Middle East & Africa (MEA) will retire on 31st January 2018 following a highly successful international hospitality career of 43 years, more than 16 of which have been spent working in senior positions with the Switzerland-headquartered hospitality firm.

When Andreas joined Mövenpick in 2001, he was charged with the task of building the brand's presence in the Middle East where its modest portfolio included four hotels in Jordan.

Under his expert guidance, the company rapidly expanded its footprint and today, manages 30 properties across the region, with 15 more under development. As a result of Andreas' efforts, Mövenpick was recently recognised as the top five-star hotel company in the Arab world by Forbes.

Beyond the Middle East, he has also significantly contributed to developing and establishing the Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts portfolio in both Asia and Africa, cementing the brand's reputation as a global hospitality leader in both.

"Andreas has been an integral part of our company for the last 16 years and the contributions he has made to our growth and success during his tenure are greatly appreciated. He has delivered outstanding results, creating strong relationships with our business partners, which is an aspect of his role he has embraced and really enjoyed," remarked Olivier Chavy, President & CEO, Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts.

"On a more personal level, Andreas will be remembered by colleagues for his expertise, leadership and charisma – and for championing promotions and mentoring team members across the board. He will be missed by us all, but he will always be part of the Mövenpick family, and we wish him every success and happiness in his well-deserved retirement."

Andreas, affectionately known as 'Andi' by his colleagues, said his 16-year tenure with Mövenpick had rounded off his hospitality career on a high note.

"The journey to success is not a sprint; it is a marathon. With this motto top of mind, the company has marked many milestones and accomplishments over the past few decades and I'd like to thank every team member on the part they have played in our ongoing growth and development," said Andreas.

"I feel blessed to have been part of Mövenpick success story and to have met business partners and

colleagues that now I consider friends for life. I cherish these relationships and thank each and every one of you for making the final years of my career an absolute pleasure.”

Details of Andreas’ replacement will be announced later this month.

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