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Twenty14 Holdings enters Switzerland with new IntercityHotel Zurich Airport

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KUWAIT: Twenty14 Holdings (T14H), the hospitality investment arm of Abu Dhabi-based LuLu Group International, has entered into a forward purchase contract with Swiss real-estate developer Necron AG for the upcoming IntercityHotel Zurich Airport in Rmang, Switzerland.

The addition of the IntercityHotel marks Twenty14 Holdings entry into mainland Europe and joins a portfolio of \$750 million worth of luxury properties across the UK, the Middle East, and India.

The purpose-built, 260-room, 4-star hotel will be located close to the Rmang station, A1 motorway and offers fantastic transport links, including access to Zurich International Airport in ten minutes, while the city center is just 15 minutes away. The property will include meeting and event spaces, a restaurant, an indoor fitness center, and spa area as well as underground and outdoor parking facilities. The property is scheduled to open in 2020.

The hotel will be operated by Deutsche Hospitality (Steigenberger Hotels AG) under a 20-year lease contract. The design of the property will be based on the new Intercity Hotels Matteo Thun design standards, and keeping in mind business travellers and tourists, the property

will feature modern guestrooms and public spaces. Commenting on the acquisition, Adeb Ahamed, Managing Director, T14H said, "We are excited to mark our entry into mainland Europe with our first property in Zurich. It is an important milestone in our group's portfolio as we work towards becoming a billion-dollar investment firm by 2020."

"This is an exciting hotel development and we are delighted to be working in partnership with both Twenty14 Holdings and Deutsche Hospitality. We very much hope this is the start of a successful long-term partnership with both," said Gerard van Liempt, CEO, Necron AG. "The IntercityHotel Zurich Airport launches our brand in Switzerland and adds a highly attractive location to the portfolio," said Thomas Wilms, CEO, Deutsche Hospitality. "This hotel is symbolic of our growing international presence at strategically important locations and we are delighted to have such a reliable partner as the Twenty14 Holdings on our side."

This is Twenty14 Holdings' second property to be operated by Deutsche Hospitality. The German hospitality firm currently operates T14H's Steigenberger Hotel Business Bay in Dubai, UAE.



Al-Tijari announces winner of weekly Al-Najma prize program

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait announced the winner of the weekly draw as follows :- weekly draw prize KD 5,000 - Abdul Qayum Mohammad Ali

The draw was conducted in the presence of Ministry of Commerce and Industry representative Latifa Al-Jean. The bank stated that the account prizes this year is featured by the highest cash prize and diversity of prizes throughout the year clarifying that Al-Najma Account will offer weekly prize of KD 5,000, monthly prize of KD 20,000 and a semi-annual prize of KD 500,000 in addition to the largest prize - linked bank account payout of KD 1,500,000. Al-Najma Account can be opened by depositing KD 100, and customer should maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 to be eligible to enter all draws on Al-Najma Account prizes. As for the chances of winning, the more balance a customer maintains in Al Najma Account, the more chances the account holder will get to win, where each KD 25 will give the customer one chance to win, the account also offers additional benefits like the ATM card, a credit card against customer's account and all CBK banking services that customer can enjoy.

Now CBK existing customers can open Al-Najma Account through Al-Tijari Online and enter all draws without visiting the Bank's branch. However, CBK non-customers can submit an account opening application via the bank's website where the bank's sales unit will call them to arrange a visit to the customers to complete the account opening formalities.

Infiniti Al-Babtain unveils Infiniti QX Inspiration



KUWAIT: INFINITI unveiled its new QX Inspiration concept at the 2019 North American International Auto Show that concluded on 27th of this month. The new concept represents INFINITI's plans for high-performance electrified vehicles, offering complete range confidence while signaling a new era for INFINITI design enabled by new technology. Infused with Japanese DNA, a refreshed form language hints at the potency and character of the brand's future electrified powertrains.

The development of new electric vehicle platforms enables the formation of spacious, lounge-like interiors. In the case of the QX Inspiration concept, the cabin has been hand-crafted using traditional techniques and a choice of materials inspired by a subtle Japanese sensuality. New interior technology follows the Japanese hospitality principle of omotenashi, creating a welcoming environment while assisting drivers and connecting occupants to the world around them.

The new QX Inspiration is the beginning of a new era for INFINITI and an illustration of where the brand is headed. New technology has given the automotive brand an opportunity to evolve its design philosophy.

Renault Al-Babtain offers best value for its most stylish Renault Megane 2019

KUWAIT: Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co, the authorized agent of Renault in the State of Kuwait urges its customers to experience the best of European performance in the 2019 model of Renault Megane. The offer includes a ten-year comprehensive warranty attached with a special starting price of only KD 3,799.

The Renault Megane 2019 is equipped with generous space for its occupants i.e. dimensions of 4.63m long and 1.81m wide, and a record wheelbase in its class of 2.71m. Owing to its dynamic styling and advanced features, the new Megane represents the next level of yw in the compact saloon category. It comes with a 1.6-litre engine, 115hp designed to enhance driving enjoyment and reduce fuel consumption.

Externally, its muscular bonnet, broad shoulders, tight curves and sculpted slides emphasize its modern, sophisticated character. At the rear, the new lighting signature traces an intense, dark-red horizontal line. Proudly supporting its chrome diamond, MEGANE



affirms its ambition and dominates the road.

With comfort at its core, its sculpted, wraparound seats, worthy of the finest design workshops, the Renault MEGANE welcomes you in the greatest of style. It comes in 3 immaculately finished upholsterys, including one in perforated leather. From the speedometer and its center console to the vents, it is jam-packed with real satin-finish chrome details.

Enriched with driving technologies, the R-LINK 2 system and its large touchscreen makes total control of the vehicle only a touch away. Passengers can choose the MULTI-SENSE driving mode according to the mood while staying connected with R-LINK 2 for

more comfort: with Android Auto™ and Apple CarPlay™ and get easy access to the smartphone's driving-compatible apps using the large onboard R-LINK 2 screen. Backed by a digital speedometer, Bluetooth radio with voice recognition, USB & Jack sockets, 4.2" display, 4 speakers, ergonomic center console, large 8.7-inch, intuitive, vertical touchscreen, etc. on board All-New Renault MEGANE, one is at the heart of the action.

Renault Al-Babtain encourages its customers to visit its showroom located in Al-Rai and avail of the benefits that accompany the new model during the limited time offer.

Flydubai goes to Tashkent

KUWAIT: Dubai-based flydubai yesterday has announced the start of flights to Tashkent (TAS) the capital of Uzbekistan. The five times weekly service between Dubai and Tashkent will start from 11 March 2019 and will become a daily operation from 31 May 2019.

Flydubai has been flying to Central Asia since November 2010 with the launch of operations to Ashgabat in Turkmenistan, followed by the launch of flights to Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan in February 2012, Dushanbe in Tajikistan in April 2013, flights to Almaty in September 2014, Astana in October 2015 and Shymkent in Kazakhstan in 2018. With the launch of the new direct flights to Tashkent, flydubai will offer 33 weekly flights to seven points in Central Asia.

Commenting on the launch of flights to Tashkent, Ghaith Al-Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer of flydubai, said: "we are pleased to become the first UAE national carrier to offer direct flights to Tashkent, strengthening ties between the UAE and Uzbekistan via these new direct air links. This creates opportunities for further development of tourism and trade flows and is in line with our commitment to opening up previously underserved markets and offering more travel options to fly to Dubai and beyond." The carrier will operate the new route with one of its brand-new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft from Terminal 3 at Dubai International (DXB) offering passengers comfort and an enhanced travel experience. The new cabin features a flat-bed in Business Class and in addition to the extra space and privacy, passengers can sleep comfortably during their flight. Economy Class offers new RECARO seats, which are designed to optimize space and comfort so passengers can sit back, relax and enjoy their flight.

Jeyhun Efendi, Senior Vice President, Commercial



Operations and E-commerce for flydubai, said: "we are looking forward to offering passengers the convenience of direct flights between Dubai and Tashkent. We hope the new route will be a popular choice for passengers traveling from Dubai and the GCC looking for new hidden gems within a short flying distance from our hub in Dubai."

Uzbekistan is known for its mosques, mausoleums and other sites linked to the Silk Road, the ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean. Tashkent is one of the largest cities in Central Asia, popular for its rich history, architecture and delicious local food. Samarkand, a major city on the Silk route which is

known for its landmark Islamic architecture, is only a few hours from the capital.

Flydubai's growing network covers more than 90 destinations in 47 countries. Emirates will codeshare on this route as part of the Emirates flydubai partnership announced in July 2017. For bookings under the codeshare, Emirates passengers will receive complimentary meals and the Emirates checked baggage allowance on flights operated by flydubai in Business and Economy classes. With the partnership, passengers from Uzbekistan will have an opportunity to travel via Dubai to the hundreds of destinations all over the world.

Gulf Bank announces winners of Al-Danah weekly draw

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank held its weekly draw on Sunday and announced the names of its winners for the week from the 20th January till the 24th January 2019, in which five winners will receive KD 1,000 each, every week.

The winners this week are:

- * Soheil Parviz Haji Aghajanian
- * Mohammed Mahmoud Mohammed Ashkanani
- * Mohammed Sultan Alfadly
- * Rajaa Sulaiman Dawoud Mohammad
- * Meshaal Kashan Rakan Alkferi

The first of Al-Danah's coveted quarterly draws will be held on 27 March 2019, and for a chance to win the exciting prize of KD 150,000, customers are encouraged to open an Al-Danah account before 31 January 2019.

Gulf Bank's Al-Danah second quarterly draw 2019 will be held on 26 June 2019, for the prize of KD 250,000, and the third quarterly draw for the prize of KD 500,000 on 25 September 2019. The final Al-Danah draw for KD 1,000,000, will be held on 16 January 2020, where the Al-Danah millionaire will be announced at a live event.

Gulf Bank encourages customers to increase their chances of winning with Al-Danah by depositing more into their Gulf Bank accounts using the new ePay (Self-Pay) service, which is available on Gulf Bank's online and mobile banking services. Al-Danah offers a number of unique services to customers, including the Al-Danah Deposit Only ATM card, which allows account holders to deposit money into their accounts at their convenience. Account holders can also calculate their chances of winning the draws through the 'Al-Danah Chances' calculator available on the Gulf Bank website and app.

Gulf Bank's Al-Danah account is open to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. Customers require a minimum of KD 200 to open an account and the same amount should be maintained for customers to be eligible for the upcoming Al-Danah draws. If the customer's



account balance falls below KD 200 at any given time, a KD 2 fee will be charged to their account monthly until the minimum balance is met. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter the weekly draw within two days. To take part in the Al-Danah 2019 upcoming quarterly and yearly draws, customers must meet the required hold period for each draw.