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MARTINHAL RESORT BAGS 3 TOP AWARDS AT HOMES OVERSEAS AWARDS 2008 IN LONDON

MartinhAl Resort is proud to announce its victories at the prestigious Homes Overseas Awards Ceremony and gala dinner held at The Grosvenor House, Park Lane in London on 28 November 2008.

The Homes Overseas Awards competition aims to single out developers who go that extra mile for quality and the awards are for the “**Best of the Best**” developers around the world. A panel of property experts, made up of top property journalists, independently judged the shortlisted entrants by applying rigorous criteria and testing them through long judging sessions with day-long site visits in all cases.

MartinhAl Resort has won 4 years in succession – in previous years, we won consistently for “Best Portuguese Villa”. This year, we are being recognised on a resort-level with our collection of 3 medals: **Bronze** and **Gold** in **worldwide** categories – for Best Luxury Development Worldwide and Best Landscape Design Worldwide; and **Silver** for Best Development in **Portugal**.

We are especially proud of our **Gold** for Best Landscaping Design Concept Worldwide. We have won this because of our commitment to landscape design that integrates and blends into the surrounding Natural Park – from each of our individual gardens of the villas and townhouses in the 1st phase, to the 2nd phase Resort, we focus on indigenous planting and preserving as many of the natural areas as possible. As part of our efforts to go that extra mile, we have engaged **Bio Design**, a natural landscape design company from Lisbon specialised in Natural Landscapes to design our 2nd phase landscaping concept.

In addition, our **Bronze** for the Best Luxury Development Worldwide (and the only Portuguese development in this category) puts us in the same league as top world-class luxury developments worldwide such as Castello di Casole in Tuscany and Pezula in South Africa.

MartinhAl Resort is developed in a JV by Chitra and Roman Stern with Nigel Chapman and Nicholas Dickinson who successfully developed and operated the Luxury Family Hotels (www.luxuryfamilyhotels.co.uk) and the Alias Hotels (www.aliashotels.co.uk) before selling both chains to focus on the overseas resort business.

MartinhAl – Europe’s Finest Luxury Family Resort – is set to open its doors in 2010 with facilities that include 3 restaurants, a Spa, 5 pools (indoor and outdoor), shop, kids’ club, crèche, conference rooms and tennis courts.

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<i>Worldwide categories</i>	<i>Portugal category</i>
BEST LUXURY DEVELOPMENT Gold – Castello di Casole, Itlay Silver – The Wave, Muscat Bronze – Martinhal Resort, Portugal	BEST DEVELOPMENT PORTUGAL Gold – Palheiro Village, Madeira Silver – Martinhal Resort, Algarve Silver – Alma Verde, Algarve Bronze – Amendoeira, Algarve
BEST LANDSCAPE DESIGN Gold – Martinhal Resort, Portugal Silver – The Village Coconut Island, Thailand	

For more information on Homes Overseas Awards 2008, please consult:
<http://www.homesoverseas.co.uk/awards/winners2008>



Chitra and Roman Stern at the Grosvenor House Hotel on the night of the ceremony

