

Espírito Santo Group and AMANRESORTS join efforts to position the Portuguese Alentejo Coast as the new reference tourism destination in Europe, supported by European funds under QREN

Herdade da Comporta launches construction of the exclusive *Comporta Dunes* resort, the largest tourism investment in Portugal in the last decade.

- **An ÀMAN resort and spa – the first in Portugal and the only ÀMAN property on the Iberian Peninsula.**
- **36 ÀMAN Villas adjacent to the ÀMAN resort.**
- **A championship-level golf course by David McLay Kidd with a clubhouse designed by Eduardo Souto de Moura, the 2011 Pritzker Prize winner.**
- **A residential estate of 51 homes targeting the German, Austrian and Swiss markets (to be developed by a joint venture between Herdade da Comporta and DC Residential, a German property developer).**
- **A total investment of 92 million euros (47.5 million euros of which is eligible for QREN funding which directly supports 16.4 million euros).**
- **Construction of the golf course and infrastructure has begun, with conclusion of works on the various developments scheduled for 2015.**

Herdade da Comporta, a subsidiary of Rioforte (Espírito Santo Group), has announced the development of *Comporta Dunes*, a unique project on the Iberian Peninsula. Representing a total investment of 92 million euros, between 2013 and 2015, the project will be financed by national and foreign private funds, as well as QREN (National Strategic Reference Framework) funds.

Comprising an ÀMAN resort, ÀMAN Spa and 36 ÀMAN Villas operated by ÀMANRESORTS, the prestigious international resort group, *Comporta Dunes* will also

include an 18-hole golf course designed by David McLay Kidd with a clubhouse by 2011 Pritzker Prize-winning architect, Eduardo Souto de Moura. The development will position Herdade da Comporta and the Alentejo Coast as a major European tourist destination, and will be a decisive factor in the economic and social development of the region.

With the development of *Comporta Dunes*, Rioforte is taking a decisive step in the development of Herdade da Comporta, recognized internationally for its environmental richness and natural beauty. Featured increasingly in key lifestyle and leisure media around the globe, the area is renowned for its remarkable beaches, traditional architecture and relaxed lifestyle.

ÀMAN RESORTS at Herdade da Comporta

Considered one of the finest luxury resort chains in the world, ÀMANRESORTS has chosen *Comporta Dunes* as the location for its first property in Iberia. This new ÀMAN will join five other ÀMAN in Europe and Asia-Minor including Le Melezin in France, Aman Canal Grande in Italy, Amanzoe in Greece, Aman Sveti Stefan in Montenegro and Amanruya in Turkey.

“This is a partnership which promises success, one that will place Herdade da Comporta and the Alentejo Coast among the best international tourist destinations in Europe. Bringing to Herdade da Comporta a resort with the credentials of ÀMANRESORTS represents a decisive step in the affirmation of the Tourism Development Project which we have aspired to for decades and are now actively promoting,” says Manuel Fernando Espírito Santo, Chairman of Herdade da Comporta and Rioforte.

Situated within *Comporta Dunes*, close to Carvalhal Village and Pego Beach, the ÀMAN resort will occupy approximately 10 hectares and offer 40 suites as well as an ÀMAN Spa and other recreational facilities. The resort’s architecture will complement the site’s natural setting, with inspiration drawn from the Alentejo region’s traditional farmhouses.

Says Manuel Fernando Espírito Santo: “The ÀMAN resort will be designed to blend into the surrounding landscape, complementing its rich natural environment. Surrounded by unspoiled autochthonous vegetation, the suites will be very spacious (approximately 135 square metres), and 20 will feature their own private swimming pools.”

The ÀMAN Spa will occupy a total area of 2,000 square metres and will include six treatment rooms, a sauna, a gymnasium and a number of hammams (Turkish baths). The extensive spa menu will offer a range of massages, scrubs, wraps and facials, as well as signature spa journeys designed to pamper and rejuvenate.

The resort will also offer a Beach Club, providing refreshments and water sports equipment on the beach.

Named after the Sanskrit-derived word for ‘peace’, the ÀMAN brand is recognized worldwide for unrivalled quality, excellence in service and focus on privacy and exclusiveness. The ÀMAN concept is based on a small number of rooms combined with excellent facilities in a pristine environment, targeting an upmarket segment that seeks relaxing experiences in beautiful, discreet surroundings. Customer service is personalized, with the aim of providing an unforgettable positive experience.

“Investment in Portugal by companies such as ÀMANRESORTS is a triple win solution: businesses can successfully build on the country’s comparative advantages to expand abroad and conquer new markets; Portugal increases the production of goods and services and creates jobs and wealth; and for Europe, Portugal’s success means the success of the whole area,” comments Carlos Beirão da Veiga, CEO of Herdade da Comporta.

ÀMAN Villas at Herdade da Comporta

As with several other ÀMAN resorts, the new property in Comporta Dunes will also include 36 ÀMAN Villas. These will each have an average floor area of 850 square metres, and will be built over a total area of 36.5 hectares. The initial investment will include three villas which will be built at the same time as the resort and spa. The owners and those renting the villas will have privileged access to the resort’s facilities and services.

Comporta Dunes Golf course and Clubhouse

In addition to the range of services and experiences offered by ÀMANRESORTS, guests, residents and visitors to *Comporta Dunes* will also have at their disposal a championship-level golf course designed by David McLay Kidd, the renowned architect of some of the best golf courses in the world. Set within a striking landscape of sand dunes and pine trees, the golf course will offer enjoyment and challenge to players of all levels, from professionals to beginners.

A distinctive feature of the course is its clubhouse, designed by Eduardo Souto de Moura, winner of the 2011 Pritzker Prize, considered the Nobel of architecture. Consisting of two storeys on a gentle slope, the clubhouse will offer panoramic views over holes 9, 10 and 18.