

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that The Rezidor Hotel Group supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. In line with our comprehensive Responsible Business programme which is in place since 2001, we will make the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company. We will also engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals.

The Rezidor Hotel Group will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public. We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact, and every year thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy.

Sincerely yours,



Kurt Ritter  
President and CEO