

## Ombria Resort Awarded Best Sustainable Residential Development



**October 2019, London:** Ombria Resort, the world-leading luxury real estate development in the heart of the Algarve opening in 2021, has been honoured at the 2020 European Property Awards. Announced at the award ceremony on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Ombria Resort won the coveted new category recognising excellence in sustainability as the ***Best Sustainable Residential Development, Portugal, with the Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort project.***

The European Property Awards is considered the most prestigious and recognised programme celebrating the highest levels of achievement across the real estate industry. The *Sustainable Residential Development* category, introduced to reflect the importance of sustainability in real estate, judged developments on their economic, environmental and social responsibility with Ombria Resort demonstrating strong practices in each area. Reflecting the resort's overall ethos *Carved by Nature*, Ombria Resort has a deep commitment to pioneering sustainable tourism; incorporating environmental, economic and socio-cultural values into innovative, everyday actions that will ensure the natural and cultural surroundings live on for future generations.

The *Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort* are a collection of 65 one- and two-bedroom apartments, set in the heart of the development which spreads over 150 hectares in the inner Algarve. Designed as an elegant Portuguese village with all the charm and character of a long-established settlement, owners will experience an authentic lifestyle enriched by contemporary design.

Julio Delgado, CEO, Ombria Resort commented: *"We are thrilled to win this prestigious*

*achievement and be leading the way in sustainable residential developments. We have definitely seen a shift across the last decade in the requirements of prospective buyers – they are much more focused on sustainability, the natural environment and supporting local ecosystems. Our commitment to sustainability and a respect for nature is at the heart of everything we do, so to have such an accolade to recognise our efforts is truly an honour.”*

Blending seamlessly into the hills, the *Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort* feature a unique, sustainable vision of NZEBs (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings), that will lead the way for the Portuguese market – including creating a national case study for the use of geothermal heat pumps.

The resort’s pioneering shallow geothermal system will use water to transfer heat energy found just below the ground surface for climate control, hot water supply and swimming pool heating. Reverse heat pumps utilize the stable temperature of the ground as main source of energy to produce heating in the winter, cooling in the summer and hot water throughout the year, safely and responsibly. The strategy for a sustainable, efficient Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system is based upon achieving high levels of user-friendly comfort while ensuring low energy consumption and maintenance costs.

Bioclimatic architecture, both innovative and traditional, allows for energy to be conserved wherever possible, with heat gained or lost through materials with low heat transference coefficients and age-old design tricks to protect from the sun.

Other innovative sustainable programmes at Ombria Resort include a comprehensive recycling programme, electric vehicle charging points and the conservation and cultivation of the local flora and fauna.

Adopting and implementing sustainable trade practices and supporting local suppliers with many building materials such as stones, tiles, plasters and insulation materials sourced regionally and nationally, vastly reduces Ombria Resort’s environmental footprint. The overall aim is to become a member of the community and actively contribute to the preservation of local traditions, generating new jobs and business opportunities. Activities at Ombria Resort will include an area for organic farming, honey harvesting facilities, astronomical observatory, paths for nature walks

and mountain biking, and other sports facilities.

The award follows Ombria Resort's accolades in 2018 which saw success in two categories: *Best New Hotel Construction & Design, Portugal*, with the *Viceroy at Ombria Resort* project, and *Best Residential Development, Portugal* with the *Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort* project, with both awarded 'Five-Star' status.

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**About Ombria Resort:**

Opening its first development phase in 2021, Ombria Resort will set the bar as a new generation of low-density resort development where sustainability, the environment and support of the nature and local heritage lie at the heart of the resort. Ombria Resort will be designed to the highest international standards of design, service, quality and state-of-the-art facilities available both within the resort and locally including:

- 5-star Viceroy at Ombria Resort and Viceroy Residences at Ombria Resort, which includes a spa, healthcare and fitness facilities, several restaurants and bars, kids zone, a conference centre and swimming pools, managed by Viceroy Hotel Group
- Three real estate development areas with 381 residential and investment units including luxury villas, townhouses, semi-detached villas and apartments starting from €300,000 to €4,000,000
- 18 hole golf course designed by renowned architect Jorge Santana<sup>[1]</sup>da Silva and clubhouse
- Leisure and entertainment facilities, including an area for organic farming, honey harvesting facilities, astronomical observatory, heated swimming pools, beach club at one of the nearby beaches, paths for nature walks and mountain biking and other sports facilities

Ombria Resort's owner and developer is Pontos Group, a family-owned Finnish investment company. For more information, please visit [www.ombria.com](http://www.ombria.com).