

HOTEL CORPORATION PLC

Puma Hotels plc – planning consent secured

The Board of The Hotel Corporation plc, whose principal asset is a 49.9% stake in Puma Hotels plc (“Puma Hotels”), announces that it has been informed by Puma Hotels that a planning permission has been secured at the Barceló Old Ship Hotel in Brighton.

A copy of the announcement released today by Puma Hotels is attached to this announcement.

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Puma Hotels plc

Puma Hotels plc has secured planning consent from Brighton & Hove City Council for the development of a significant extension to the Barceló Brighton Old Ship Hotel, owned by Puma Hotels. The consent was unanimously approved by the Council and is subject only to the execution of a section 106 agreement.

This 4 star hotel currently has 154 rooms. The new consent provides for the addition of 42 bedrooms, the creation of 248 sq m of modern conference facilities, a restaurant/bar with street frontage and revised car parking facilities.

Howard Shore, Chairman of Puma Hotels, commented: “The building plans provide for additional high quality facilities to reinforce the status of this waterfront hotel as one of Brighton’s flagship hotels.”

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