

## **Mr. Garfield Jones appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Group.**

Chairman Farouk Almoayyed and members of the Board of Directors - Gulf Hotels Group has announced that Mr. Garfield Jones takes over the responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer of the group.

**Chairman Farouk Almoayyed said** “This decision is in recognition of Garfield’s hard work and continued efforts to develop the Group's business. Garfield is a seasoned hotelier, he has a thorough understanding of our objectives and has worked hard towards achieving them during his work with the Group in the past 21 years. I have no doubt that he is the right person to take the helm at Gulf Hotels Group as it enters its 50<sup>th</sup> year. I am confident that that he will spare no effort to increase the resources of the Group and work toward the further development and expansion of its operation’s portfolio”

Garfield Jones has more than 31 years’ experience in the hotel industry where he held leading positions in the most prestigious and top hotels in the UK, Africa and the Middle East. He joined the company in 1995 and held various posts in the Gulf Hotel, he was transferred to the corporate office as Director of Operations in 2002 and moving on to become Deputy Chief Executive Offers in 2007.

He played a key role in contributing to Gulf Hotels' revenue growth and expansion over the past 21 years and was instrumental in overseeing and launching a variety of development and refurbishment projects including the Gulf Hotel, Gulf Convention Centre, Gulf Executive Residence, Multi-Storey Car Park, Gulf Executive Offices, the K Hotel, Asdal Gulf Inn, Gulf Residence Amwaj and Ocean Paradise Resort in Zanzibar. In addition to the current projects of the Gulf Residence Juffair and the Group’s first 5 star property in UAE “Gulf Hotel Business Bay”, Block 338 group of restaurants.

“I am honored that the Gulf Hotels Group Board of Directors chose me to follow in the footsteps of two truly iconic CEOs who have led the Group for the past 50 years – Mohamed Buzizi and Aqeel Raees” said Garfield Jones. “I am looking forward to my new challenge and I strongly believe that the Group’s success will be further improved by adhering to its core values, enhancing standards and driving the growth of the organization, which in the coming few years will see us set up operations in other GCC counties.”