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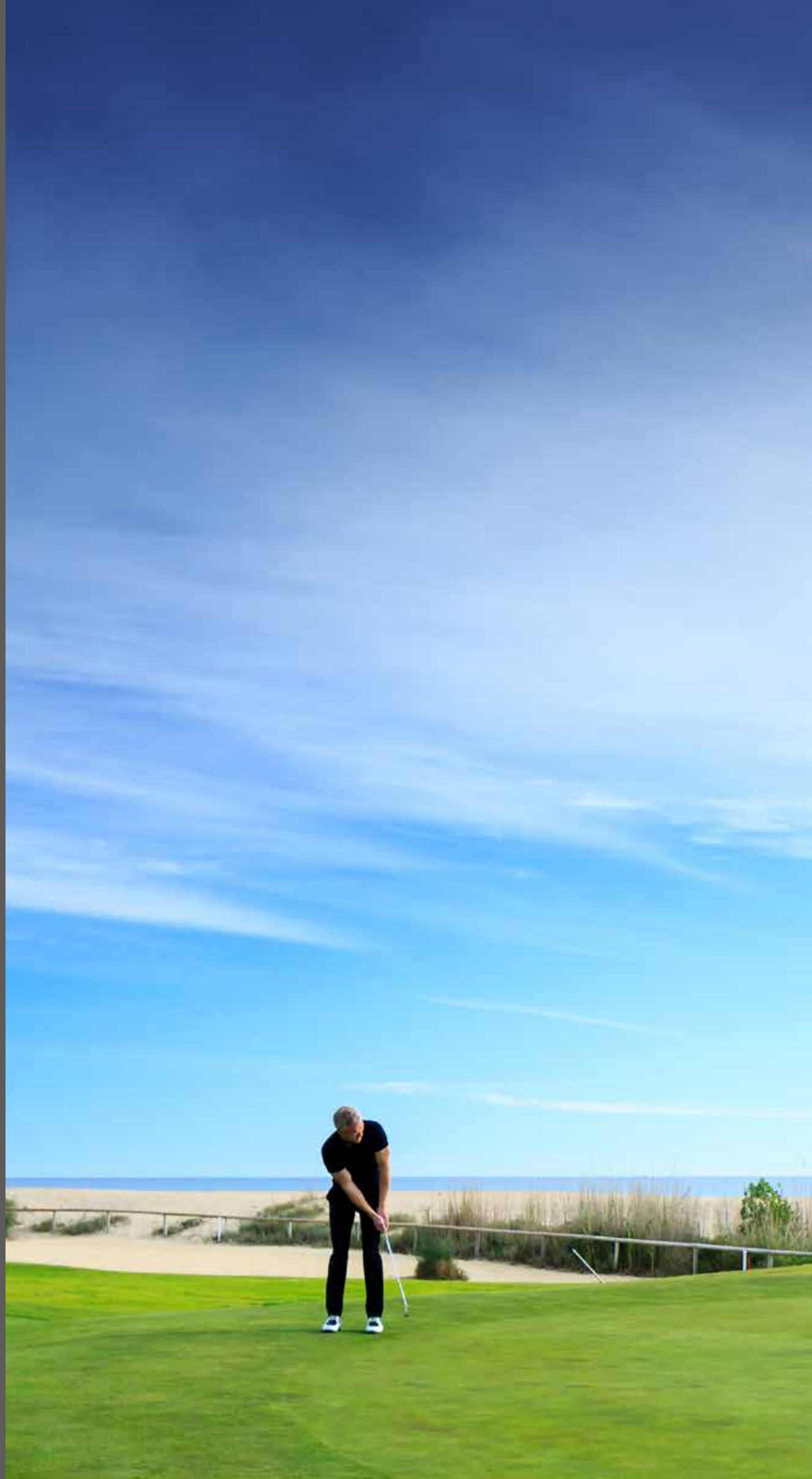
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Magazine

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the latest edition of Living Magazine.

Vale do Lobo prides itself on investing in people, from those working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the resort, to the familiar faces on the golf courses, in the Proprietors Club and around the resort, known by Property Owners and visitors for decades.

In this edition of Living Magazine we hear just why Vale do Lobo remains a resort that people can rely on, now and into the future, and how the dedication of the teams allows Vale do Lobo to embrace an unmatched community spirit that every generation can enjoy to the full.

I hope that you enjoy the interviews, reports and stunning photography throughout the magazine and that through these pages you are able to see just why we all proudly say "We are Vale do Lobo"!

É com grande prazer que lhe dou as boas-vindas à mais recente edição da Living Magazine.

Vale do Lobo orgulha-se de investir no capital humano, desde aqueles que trabalham nos bastidores para garantir o bom funcionamento do *resort*, aos rostos familiares que cuidam dos campos de golfe, recebem os proprietários no Clube e um pouco por todo o empreendimento.

Nesta edição da Living Magazine revelamos a razão pela qual Vale do Lobo continua a ser o *resort* em que tantos confiam, e como a dedicação das equipas que aqui trabalham se reflecte no maravilhoso espírito de comunidade e nas experiências de várias gerações de proprietários e visitantes.

Espero que no decorrer destas páginas consiga perceber exactamente porque todos nós dizemos com especial orgulho: "Nós somos Vale do Lobo"!

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# A DECADE OF DEDICATION

CEO DIOGO GASPAR FERREIRA LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE

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**Since taking up his position as Vale do Lobo CEO some 10 years ago, Diogo Gaspar Ferreira has been a constant presence during changing times...**

Much has happened on a national and international scale since Diogo Gaspar Ferreira took over as CEO in 2006, and while there have been challenging times, the commitment of Diogo Gaspar Ferreira and the shareholders of the resort to maintaining the reputation, standards and ethos of Vale do Lobo has remained strong.

"I saw the potential of Vale do Lobo immediately," he explains, "and it wasn't difficult to get investors on board for such a project, with our aim to expand the concept and to improve the quality of the resort in general."

Initial plans for the resort were put on hold during the global economic downturn and while others may have shied away from the challenge, Diogo Gaspar Ferreira faced it head on.

**Desde que assumiu o cargo de Presidente do Conselho de Administração de Vale do Lobo, há quase 10 anos, que Diogo Gaspar Ferreira tem sido uma presença constante acompanhando a mudança dos tempos...**

Muito se passou à escala nacional e internacional desde que Diogo Gaspar Ferreira aceitou o desafio de liderar o *resort* em 2006, mas mesmo durante os tempos mais difíceis, tanto o seu compromisso e empenho como o dos restantes membros da Administração foram determinantes em manter a reputação, níveis de excelência e filosofia de Vale do Lobo.

"Conseguí perceber o potencial de Vale do Lobo desde o primeiro instante", esclarece, "e não foi complicado encontrar investidores para abraçar um projecto desta natureza, com o objectivo comum de expandir o conceito e melhorar a qualidade geral do *resort*."

Os planos iniciais para o *resort* foram, por um período, adiados face à crise económica global, mas enquanto o





"I believe that success cannot help you to grow, you grow as a person and as a company in times of crisis. Problems force you to think outside the box and to look for new ways to do things.

We have an incredible team in Vale do Lobo and have made many changes to the internal running of the company that others may not initially see, and while the last five years have been a challenge we have managed not only to survive but to grow.

We had to make hard choices during the crisis and we chose to maintain prices in order to retain quality and this enabled us to be able to improve many areas of the resort", said Diogo Gaspar Ferreira, highlighting improvements to the administration offices, clubhouse and gardens and future plans for major investment to be made in the Praça and Tennis Academy.

The next few years will be crucial for the resort said Diogo Gaspar Ferreira, as it is important for Vale do Lobo to mirror tourism and property market changes occurring across Portugal.

"Tourism remains one of the most important tools in

desafio se podia assim ter convertido numa tarefa mais complexa para alguns, Diogo Gaspar Ferreira manteve a sua posição firme, de cabeça erguida, sempre otimista rumo ao futuro.

"Acredito que o sucesso não nos ajuda a crescer, na realidade apenas evoluímos como indivíduos ou como empresa ao enfrentar tempos mais conturbados ou de crise. Os problemas obrigam-nos a pensar mais além e a encontrar novas formas de ultrapassar os problemas e concretizar os projectos.

Temos uma equipa fantástica em Vale do Lobo que tem realizado inúmeras mudanças na gestão interna da empresa que, apesar de não serem visíveis para o exterior, nos têm permitido não só superar as adversidades ao longo dos últimos anos como crescer e evoluir.

Precisámos tomar sérias decisões durante a crise e optámos por manter os preços para assegurar os níveis de qualidade, permitindo-nos realizar diversos melhoramentos em muitas áreas do *resort*", adianta Diogo Gaspar Ferreira, enumerando as obras desenvolvidas em todo o *resort*, desde a entrada, ao paisagismo geral,

helping the Portuguese economy to turn around but the Algarve is no longer the sole focus of Portugal and different types of visitors are being attracted to our cities instead.

New city property buyers are the potential future second home buyers in the Algarve and we will see this in the next years".

Already the next decade is looking to be an exciting one in the industry and one that Vale do Lobo is well prepared to embrace.

passando pelas novas lojas, edifício da administração e muito recentemente no Clubhouse, bem como nos planos de maior investimento a concretizar em breve no complexo da Praça e Academia de Ténis.

Os próximos anos serão cruciais para o *resort*, explica Diogo Gaspar Ferreira, pois é essencial para Vale do Lobo acompanhar as alterações no mercado imobiliário e turístico que se verificam no sector, no país e no mundo.

"O turismo e o imobiliário turístico continuam a ser um sector prioritário para Portugal pois têm uma importância estratégica na recuperação da economia nacional mas, o Algarve já não é o único local de interesse no país. Existem, cada vez mais, visitantes que procuram outros pontos de interesse diferentes como as grandes cidades.

Os compradores de imóveis nas cidades são os futuros potenciais clientes de segunda habitação no Algarve, tendência esta que acreditamos se irá comprovar ao longo dos próximos anos".

A década que se segue promete ser deveras emocionante no nosso sector e estamos certos que Vale do Lobo, continuará a apresentar ideias e tendências de vanguarda.







# ALL IN ONE PLACE

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT BY THE BEACH



**From early morning, right through until the early hours, the Vale do Lobo Praça beachfront complex is home to entertainment for all ages to enjoy throughout the year.**

The Vale do Lobo Praça is the place to go for a wide choice of restaurants, bars, shops and entertainment in the resort, from Mexican cuisine, to Asian or Italian favourites, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Situated next to the golden sands of Vale do Lobo, the Praça is the place to be for fun and entertainment.

During the day, the large swimming pools with tiered decks, are the perfect place to enjoy the sunshine in comfort, with poolside drinks and food available from Breeze, either in their beachfront restaurant or poolside, while Sandbanks and the Beach Bar are also open for delicious meals, snacks and afternoon treats all overlooking the sea.

La Crêperie is a top spot for sweet treats in the Praça, while the Paper & Co newsagents is a great place to pick up a paper and some beach supplies and Dunas Vale do Lobo is ideally located for exceptional resort and beach wear for the entire family.

As the sun begins to set, the Praça comes to life with entertainment for children from professional child

**Desde o nascer do sol até noite fora, o complexo balnear da Praça de Vale do Lobo é o local de animação e muito entretenimento para qualquer idade e durante todo o ano.**

A Praça de Vale do Lobo é local de eleição no resort pela ampla diversidade de restaurantes, bares, lojas e muita animação. Da cozinha Mexicana, aos pratos Orientais e Italianos, a variedade assegura distintas opções para todos os gostos. Estrategicamente localizada junto às areias douradas da praia, a Praça é mesmo o local ideal para plena diversão e entretenimento.

Durante o dia, as amplas piscinas, são o lugar mais que perfeito para desfrutar dos raios de sol em pleno conforto e comodidade, complementadas por uma refrescante bebida ou refeição no restaurante Breeze ou no snack-bar Breeze contíguo à piscina. Por sua vez, também o Sandbanks e o Beach Bar são ótimas opções para apreciar deliciosas refeições, lanches e guloseimas no final da tarde, com vista excepcional mar.

La Crêperie é o local predilecto para saborear uma incrível variedade de crepes doces e salgados ou gelados. A tabacaria Paper & Co. fornece uma ampla seleção de jornais e revistas internacionais a par com muitos artigos e acessórios de praia e, em complemento, a



minders, who are on hand with face painting, workshops, a bouncy castle and miniature cars for the youngest guests. There is even more for children at the Kangaroo Club, a place for kids to enjoy, while parents take a break or alternatively, the entire family can try their hand on the mini golf course.

Over on the centre stage, great live acts perform live every evening during the summer and diners in La Terrazza, Monty's, Teahouse Oriental, Cantina del Lobo and Amore can listen to the music while they enjoy their food on the large open air terraces of the restaurants. There are also live music sessions taking place regularly at Breeze and the Beach Bar earlier on in the evening.

requintada loja Dunas tem disponível uma colecção de artigos de moda e roupa de praia de design exclusivo para toda a família.

Ao cair da noite, a Praça converte-se num ambiente repleto de vida com diversas actividades para crianças pelos animadores profissionais que realizam pinturas faciais, modelagem de balões e ateliers temáticos, a par com os insufláveis, jogos e carros eléctricos para os mais pequenos. Os mais novos podem ainda divertir-se no Kangaroo Club, espaço de entretenimento infantil, e, para toda a família, o mini-golfe proporciona um animado desafio a não perder!

A música ao vivo sempre foi um dos ingredientes essenciais para desfrutar do Verão no *resort*, pelo que



Later into the night, the Praça is the place for cocktails at Amore Deck Bar or down by the beach at The Beach Bar or Breeze, and it is off to Monty's for live music late into the evening, while those looking to dance the night away head off to Geckos nightclub.

Experience entertainment for all ages, all day and well into the night in the Praça – where everything is all in one place.

o palco central da Praça apresenta, todas as noites, uma actuação musical diferente. Ao final da tarde, tanto o Breeze como o Beach Bar também apresentam regularmente bandas de música ao vivo.

Um pouco mais tarde e pela noite dentro, a Praça convida ao convívio e a um exótico cocktail no Amore Deck Bar ou no Beach Bar mesmo junto à praia, antecipando a imperdível animação musical ao vivo no Monty's ou mesmo os ritmos de dança na discoteca Gecko.

Com muita animação para todas as idades, de noite ou de dia, a Praça reúne mesmo tudo num só lugar!

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# A PLACE CALLED HOME

A NEW HOME FOR DUNCAN BANNATYNE

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**Entrepreneur Duncan Bannatyne has business interests including health clubs, hotels, media, TV, stage schools, property and transport and is most famous for his appearances on the BBC programme Dragons' Den. He and his fiancée Nigora Whitehorn recently moved to Vale do Lobo and enjoy the safe, private and healthy lifestyle the resort offers.**

When it came to finding a home in the sunshine, Duncan Bannatyne had looked at property in both South Africa and in France but once he found his property in Vale do Lobo, he knew it was the place for him and his family.

"I first came to Vale do Lobo two years ago, looking to purchase a holiday home in the area and the last house that I looked at was the one I ended up buying, after I fell in love with the views," said Duncan.

What began as a holiday home soon became a permanent base for the couple explained Duncan: "I woke up one morning in the UK and looked out of the window and saw the rain and knew I wanted to move!

The weather in the Algarve is fantastic and I am also really feeling the health benefits of living here, I used to

O mediático empresário Duncan Bannatyne é detentor de inúmeras participações em health clubs, hotéis, meios de comunicação, estações televisivas, entre outras, mas foi a sua participação no programa Dragons' Den da BBC que mais o celebrou. Duncan Bannatyne e a sua noiva, Nigora Whitehorn, mudaram-se recentemente para Vale do Lobo e desfrutam agora do estilo de vida que o *resort oferece*.

Na procura de uma casa de férias, Duncan Bannatyne considerou adquirir uma propriedade na África do Sul e em França mas, assim que encontrou esta moradia em Vale do Lobo, soube de imediato que este era o local perfeito para si e para a sua família.

"Visitei Vale do Lobo pela primeira vez há cerca de dois anos, quando pensei em comprar uma casa de férias nesta zona, mas a última moradia que vi no resort foi mesmo a que me conquistou. Apaixonei-me pela vista".

O que começou por ser uma casa de férias em breve se converteu numa residência permanente para o casal, explicou Duncan: "Acordei uma manhã no Reino Unido, olhei pela janela e, taciturno, vi a chuva lá fora a



suffer with back pain but when I am here it goes and I feel so much better.

I was already starting to slow down things with my work and for us, Vale do Lobo is a place where we are genuinely able to relax."

Both Nigora and Duncan enjoy a healthy lifestyle and find the proximity of the Vale do Lobo Fitness Centre to their home, where they enjoy personal training sessions and are able to use the spa facilities for massages and relaxation, to be a real benefit.

Being within walking distance of all facilities while in the resort also appeals to the outdoor lifestyle embraced by the couple.

"Being able to walk everywhere was key for me," said Duncan. "I can walk down with my children and grandchildren to the beach or to the restaurants in the Praça. The kids can play mini golf, use the crèche or play in

cair e soube que era chegado o momento de me mudar!

O clima no Algarve é fantástico e, realmente, já estou a sentir diferenças e os benefícios na minha saúde; tinha frequentemente dores de costas mas agora estou muito melhor.

Já tinha começado a abrandar o meu ritmo de trabalho pelo que, para nós, Vale do Lobo é mesmo o local onde podemos verdadeiramente descontraír."

Tanto Nigora como Duncan privilegiam um estilo de vida saudável pelo que a proximidade da sua casa com o Fitness Centre de Vale do Lobo lhes proporciona uma acrescida vantagem, conseguindo frequentar aulas de treino personalizado e também aproveitar as instalações do spa para massagens e relaxamento.

Ao beneficiar da curta distância a pé para todas as instalações e serviços do resort, o casal consegue ainda desfrutar das diversas actividades ao ar livre.

the summer on the bouncy castle which is brilliant, and we all love to go down to Monty's on a Friday night and enjoy the live music."

The safe and welcoming atmosphere in Vale do Lobo has meant that the resort has become a firm favourite with his family: "My children and grandchildren love it here; it is an amazing place for them to come for holidays."

Everything in Vale do Lobo just works for us. My teenage children are able to enjoy the resort safely, the circuit bus is brilliant for transporting you around the resort and best of all, we can walk to almost everywhere," said Duncan.

"Now we live here permanently we are enjoying trying the foods and experiences of the local area and in other parts of Portugal", said Nigora.

"The Portuguese people are so friendly and have really welcomed us."

Nigora concluded: "This is a place where you can chat with your neighbours and it is also great that Duncan is able to meet up with lots of his friends here, we are often bumping into people we know from the UK which makes it a very sociable place to live."

"Poder andar a pé por todo o lado foi muito importante para mim," afirma Duncan. "Posso caminhar até à praia ou ir a um dos restaurantes na Praça com os meus filhos e netos. Os miúdos podem jogar mini-golfe, brincar no parque ou divertir-se no insuflável durante o Verão, o que é óptimo, e todos nós gostamos de ir até ao Monty's à sexta-feira à noite assistir à música ao vivo."

Ao proporcionar um ambiente seguro e acolhedor, Vale do Lobo converteu-se no local predilecto para toda a família: "Os meus filhos e netos adoram o resort; é um sítio fantástico para passarem férias."

Tudo em Vale do Lobo é perfeito para nós. Os meus filhos adolescentes podem usufruir do resort em total segurança, o circuito interno de transporte é fantástico, mas o melhor de tudo é que até podemos ir a pé," acrescenta Duncan.

"Os Portugueses são extremamente simpáticos e temos sido muito bem recebidos", comenta Nigora.

Nigora conclui: "Este é um local único onde podemos conversar com os vizinhos e que ainda permite a Duncan reencontrar muitos dos seus amigos. Deparamo-nos, inúmeras vezes, com pessoas que conhecemos do Reino Unido o que, sem dúvida, faz com que este seja um sítio especial e sociável para se viver!"



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# THE OFFICIAL REAL ESTATE TEAM

HELPING BUYERS AND SELLERS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



**The Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate team, fully dedicated to helping owners to sell their property and to new clients in finding their new homes in the resort, are able to offer an unrivalled level of service, every step of the way.**

With the Portuguese property market realising its full potential, buyers keen to take advantage of the favourable tax conditions such as the non-habitual residents (NHR) regime and the Golden Visa residency permit, exceptional amenities and fantastic real estate choices, are looking to Vale do Lobo to find their ideal home in the Algarve sunshine.

Sales and Marketing Director Alda Filipe, who has worked in Vale do Lobo for 16 years, has seen a marked increase in the number of clients looking to invest in Vale do Lobo. "We have the best portfolio of new and resale property available within Vale do Lobo and our expert team is able to find the perfect property for every client, with everything from holiday apartments to luxurious detached villas available," said Alda.

With a limited number of properties available in Vale do Lobo, some clients are also now focusing on pur-

**A Equipa Oficial de Imobiliária de Vale do Lobo providencia todo o apoio especializado na compra e venda de propriedades no resort, proporcionando uma assistência e apoio privilegiados para todas as necessidades inerentes ao processo de compra e venda de propriedades.**

Com a recuperação do mercado imobiliário, os compradores interessados em aproveitar as condições fiscais favoráveis, tais como o regime dos residentes não habituais (NHR) e o visto português de residência (*Golden Visa*), bem como as excepcionais comodidades do resort e as fantásticas opções imobiliárias existentes, procuram Vale do Lobo para encontrar a casa ideal no Algarve.

A Directora de Vendas e Marketing, Alda Filipe, que trabalha no resort há 16 anos, tem visto um acréscimo significativo no número de clientes que procuram investir em Vale do Lobo. "Nós temos o melhor portfólio de propriedades novas e em revenda disponíveis no resort e a nossa equipa especializada consegue encontrar o imóvel perfeito para cada cliente, desde apartamentos de férias a luxuosas moradias isoladas", explica Alda.



The Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate Team, lead by Alda Filipe (centre) – Real Estate and Marketing Director, and Sales Consultants Joana Rebelo (left) and Fiona Lang (right).



chasing plots in the resort. Alda explains: "Buyers looking for their perfect home, in the very best beachfront locations come to Vale do Lobo because we have some of the last beachline plot locations available in Portugal.

Purchasing a plot or a turnkey project to build a dream home – a process which we are able to handle entirely - is also often the only way to ensure the perfect property as demand continues to rise in the resort".

Plot locations in Vale do Lobo vary widely to allow the broadest possible choice for buyers, and while the beachfront Oceano Clube is hugely popular, so too are the stunning golf front locations found in Vale Real and the large, peaceful and scenic plots soon to be released in Vale das Flores.

Com um número limitado de propriedades disponíveis em Vale do Lobo, alguns clientes estão interessados em adquirir lotes de terreno no *resort*. Alda adianta: "Clientes à procura de uma casa à beira-mar encontram em Vale do Lobo a oportunidade para uma construção à medida, pois temos alguns dos últimos lotes na primeira linha costeira em Portugal".

A compra de um terreno ou de um projecto chave na mão – com acompanhamento e aconselhamento durante todas as fases da construção – é muitas vezes a única forma de garantir a propriedade ideal, pois a procura de imóveis excepcionais continua a aumentar".

Em Vale do Lobo os clientes encontram distintas opções de localização, seja o Oceano Clube à beira-



"Clients know that when they come to us, either to help them to sell or to buy, that we are always able to go that extra mile because we are part of the Vale do Lobo resort as a whole," said Alda, "We work closely with all the Vale do Lobo departments and are able to offer the very best conditions and choice to buyers and sellers in the resort which makes us unique".

But it is the close bonds formed between the team and all the clients that makes the Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate team able to offer such an exceptional service: "It is always such a pleasure to be able to work so closely with our property owners and buyers and the relationships that we build are ones that we all treasure - lasting well beyond the handing over of the keys," said Alda.

-mar, ou os lotes frente golfe no Vale Real. Muito em breve, será também lançado o empreendimento do Vale das Flores, com lotes maiores, numa zona mais recatada do *resort*, mas igualmente bela.

"Os clientes sabem que quando nos contactam, seja para vender a sua propriedade ou comprar, daremos sempre o nosso melhor porque "somos Vale do Lobo" e conhecemos o *resort* melhor do que ninguém", reforça Alda. "Trabalhamos em conjunto com os restantes departamentos de Vale do Lobo para garantir as melhores condições para os nossos clientes".

Os estreitos laços que se criam entre a equipa e os clientes são a chave para um serviço de excepção por parte da Equipa Oficial do Departamento de Imobiliária



The multi-lingual team, based both in the Praça beachfront complex and in the Parque do Golfe, bring together years of experience in the property market with a unique knowledge of the resort, to be able to offer an exceptional service to both buyers and sellers within Vale do Lobo.

de Vale do Lobo: "É sempre um prazer trabalhar de forma tão próxima com os nossos proprietários e compradores e as relações que se desenvolvem perduram muito além da entrega das chaves da casa", comenta Alda.

A equipa multilingue que está sempre disponível nos escritórios de vendas da Praça e do Parque do Golfe, tem uma longa história de sucesso de vendas imobiliárias e proporciona uma assistência e apoio privilegiados para todas as necessidades inerentes ao processo de compra e venda de propriedades em Vale do Lobo.



Also part of the sales team, from left to right, Carla Martins, Sandrine Gamboa, Yulia Ushakova and Katerina Machado. The experienced Vale do Lobo Sales Team is fluent in Portuguese, English, French, Russian.



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**Combining a break in Vale do Lobo with rejuvenating cosmetic procedures is made easy thanks to the teams of the Vale do Lobo Medical Centre and the Vale do Lobo Royal Spa.**

The Royal Spa works with patients from all hospitals with the start of treatment after plastic surgery being directed by a doctor, and therapies from the spa are complimented by specialist exercises from the Vale do Lobo Fitness Centre team.

Exercising both before and after plastic surgery can significantly contribute to the results of the procedure, with post-surgery programmes designed to help to tone the muscles to optimise the effects on the region where surgery has been performed.

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The Vale do Lobo Medical Centre, coordinated by Dr. Thomas Kaiser, and the Vale do Lobo Dental Clinic headed by Dr<sup>a</sup> Dina Martins, is able to offer guests and residents comprehensive medical services from highly trained professionals, and those looking to complete cosmetic procedures while staying in the resort can work with the team for optimum results.

From cosmetic consultations, to full cosmetic surgical procedures and cosmetic dentistry, patients working with the Vale do Lobo Medical Centre can be assured of the highest possible level of care and professionalism, for the very best results.

**Conjugar umas férias em Vale do Lobo com uma intervenção estética de rejuvenescimento é agora mais simples graças às equipas do Centro Médico de Vale do Lobo e do Royal Spa.**

O Royal Spa de Vale do Lobo presta apoio a pacientes de diversos hospitais, acompanhando todo o processo desde o início dos tratamentos pós-cirurgia, sob a coordenação de um médico, complementando as terapias desenvolvidas no Spa com exercícios físicos específicos pela equipa de profissionais do Fitness Centre.

A fisioterapia e a prática de exercício físico antes e depois de uma cirurgia plástica pode contribuir, de forma significativa, para ajudar a tonificar os músculos na região onde foi realizada a intervenção.

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O Centro Médico de Vale do Lobo, sob a coordenação do Dr. Thomas Kaiser, e a Clínica Dentária, gerida pela Dr<sup>a</sup> Dina Martins, proporcionam um serviço de saúde completo aos visitantes e proprietários com uma ampla variedade de especialidades médicas e uma equipa de profissionais qualificados.

Desde consultas de estética a procedimentos cirúrgicos cosméticos passando pela estética dentária, o Centro Médico de Vale do Lobo assegura um serviço de excelência com a máxima dedicação e profissionalismo a todos os seus pacientes.



Rapid and successful recovery from any form of procedure can be enhanced with proper pre and post-surgical care, and the team at the Vale do Lobo Royal Spa are able to offer a specialised service to aid recuperation.

By embracing a holistic approach to cosmetic surgery and recovery, the teams in Vale do Lobo are able to provide continuous care, in a relaxing and comforting environment.

Para uma rápida e bem-sucedida recuperação após qualquer tipo de intervenção com todos os cuidados pré ou pós-cirúrgicos necessários, a equipa do Royal Spa de Vale do Lobo dispõe de um serviço especializado que contribui significativamente neste processo.

Ao adoptar uma filosofia holística no acompanhamento e recuperação de cirurgias estéticas, as equipas de Vale do Lobo proporcionam os cuidados profissionais e personalizados, num ambiente de pleno conforto e tranquilidade.

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# MORE THAN JUST A GAME

TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS  
BRINGING GOLFERS TOGETHER

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**The golfing community of the Vale do Lobo Golf Club extends well beyond its loyal members, with guests from around the world regularly being welcomed to the club for tournaments, competitions and social events.**

The Vale do Lobo Golf Club is key to the community spirit of the resort and even if you are not yet a golfer, you are sure of a warm welcome.

Every year the club hosts Amateur Week, Foursomes Week and the Knockout Week, with players from around the world joining the tournaments which blend fantastic golf with a strong sense of community both from members and from visiting guests.

Steve Retford and his 14 year old son Joe joined the 2016 Amateur week for the second consecutive year: "It is great to be able to meet up with people from all over the world and everyone is always so friendly and welcoming to both myself and my son.

There has been some great competitive golf but what has also been wonderful has been the invitations from other players to join them for dinner and to socialise after the games. It really is a very impressive environment," said Steve.

Heather Staniforth enjoys being able to spend time with friends while enjoying golf at the same time: "Last year I came on my own and it was fabulous so this year I have come with three friends to enjoy the Amateur Week.

For me the tournament is not about winning, it is about being able to play golf on very special courses with golfers of a good level. It is also the attention to detail here from the golf club team who make this such a great pre-season tournament to be involved in."

Golf Director Hernâni Estêvão said: "At the Vale do Lobo Golf Club we aim to provide a relaxed and friendly community environment for our clients and our members have made a special contribution to this atmosphere.

**A comunidade do Clube de Golfe de Vale do Lobo estende-se muito além dos seus leais membros, recebendo convidados de todo o mundo que regularmente participam nos seus torneios e eventos sociais.**

O Clube de Golfe de Vale do Lobo é um dos elementos chave do forte espírito de comunidade do *resort* e, até os que estão a dar os primeiros passos na modalidade, podem contar com uma calorosa recepção.

Todos os anos o Clube é anfitrião dos torneios Amateur Week (Janeiro), Foursomes (Maio) e Knockout (Novembro), com a participação de jogadores de várias nacionalidades fomentando o saudável convívio entre membros e visitantes.

Steve Retford e o seu filho de 14 anos, Joe, jogaram o Amateur Week pelo segundo ano consecutivo: "É ótimo encontrar pessoas de todo o mundo e sermos recebidos de forma tão simpática e acolhedora.

Temos sentido um forte espírito competitivo durante o torneio, mas fora do campo, o convívio tem sido maravilhoso. Recebemos convites de outros jogadores para nos juntarmos a eles ao jantar e socializar após os jogos. É realmente um ambiente impressionante", comenta Steve.

Heather Staniforth gosta de passar o tempo com os amigos, enquanto joga golfe: "No ano passado vim sozinha e foi fabuloso, pelo que este ano trouxe três amigas para jogar o Amateur Week.

Para mim, o torneio não é só para ganhar, é também conseguir jogar golfe em campos especiais e com jogadores de um bom nível. Na verdade, é a atenção aos detalhes por parte da equipa do Clube de Golfe que fazem deste um torneio tão excepcional."

O Director de Golfe, Hernâni Estêvão, refere: "No Clube de Golfe de Vale do Lobo, o nosso principal objectivo é fomentar um ambiente de comunidade descontraído e amigável para todos os nossos clientes. Os membros do Clube são indiscutivelmente a base para esse ambiente tão especial.



VALE DO LOBO





The way the visitors and members guests are welcomed at the Amateur and Foursomes weeks reflects this lifestyle and contributes to the fantastic environment these events are known for".

As well as week-long tournaments held within Vale do Lobo there are many other opportunities to enjoy the strong sense of community found within the Golf Club including Sunday Greensomes and monthly Open Days, open to members guests to come and experience first-hand not only the fantastic golf amenities, but also the unforgettable atmosphere of the Club.

A forma como os visitantes são recebidos pelos membros nos torneios que organizamos é reflexo desse estilo de vida, que tanto contribui para o ambiente familiar do qual estes eventos são tão conhecidos".

Para além dos importantes torneios anuais, existem outras oportunidades para desfrutar do forte sentido de comunidade do Clube de Golfe, tais como: o Sunday Greensomes e os Open Days mensais, acessíveis aos convidados de membros do Clube que assim podem ter uma experiência em pleno do que é o golfe em Vale do Lobo.


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# TEE TIME

## ENJOYING DECADES OF GOLF



**Karola König-Trah has been visiting Vale do Lobo for four decades and the golf courses that first attracted her family to the resort in the 1970s are still as much loved by Karola today.**

When Karola König-Trah, a keen regular golfer in the Algarve and in her home country of Germany, first came to Vale do Lobo the resort looked very different to how it is today: "It is so different here now", explains Karola, "I remember my family first hearing about the resort from friends but because at the time there were no direct flights to the Algarve we would have to fly to Lisbon and then hire a car to drive down the very bumpy road to get here!"

The golf courses, which were initially only nine holes, were the draw for the family to Vale do Lobo and they continue to bring Karola back to play regularly: "The views along the courses in the resort are spectacular and over the years the courses themselves they have improved greatly.

The mixture of nationalities within the Vale do Lobo Golf Club and playing in tournaments in the resort is also something that Karola values: "The community here is great, there are many different nationalities and as well as Germans playing here we have Dutch, Belgium and English golfers too.

**Karola König-Trah é presença assídua em Vale do Lobo há mais de quatro décadas e os campos de golfe que nos anos 70 atraíram a sua família para o resort, são ainda hoje umas das razões do seu regresso.**

Quando Karola König-Trah, ávida jogadora de golfe no Algarve e no seu país natal, a Alemanha, visitou pela primeira vez Vale do Lobo, o resort era bem diferente do que é hoje: "Agora é tudo tão diferente", explica Karola, "lembro-me da minha família ouvir falar de Vale do Lobo através de amigos e querermos logo vir, mas na época não haviam voos directos para o Algarve e tivemos de voar para Lisboa e, em seguida, viajar de carro por uma estrada tortuosa para chegar até aqui!"

Os campos de golfe, que eram inicialmente de apenas nove buracos, eram a principal atracção da família para Vale do Lobo e, ainda hoje, a razão pela qual Karola regressa regularmente: "O cenário de golfe aqui é deslumbrante e, ao longo dos anos, o próprio percurso tem melhorado muito."

As várias nacionalidades do Clube de Golfe de Vale do Lobo e a participação nos torneios do resort também são algo que Karola destaca: "O espírito de comunidade aqui é excelente, e há uma grande integração e diversidade, desde jogadores Alemães a Holan-



"English is spoken by everyone here so we all have a common language that we share which brings everyone together.

"I really love to still be able to come down to Vale do Lobo to train for the main golf season each year, especially during the summer months which means that I can also enjoy other great events at the same time, such as the summer party."

The amenities, facilities and golf club team continue to make the Vale do Lobo Golf Club a welcoming and exciting place to play golf but it is the community feeling that sets Vale do Lobo apart.

Karola concluded: "There is a real sense of belonging in Vale so Lobo, a feeling of people coming together, that is what makes it feel so special."

deses, Belgas e, claro, Ingleses.

"O Inglês é falado por todos aqui, pelo que este idioma que compartilhamos, nos aproxima uns os outros.

Adoro vir para Vale do Lobo no Verão, treinar antes da época oficial de golfe, até porque significa que consigo igualmente desfrutar de outros eventos que tanto apreciamos, como a grande Festa do *resort* em Agosto."

As condições que Vale do Lobo oferece e a equipa do Clube de Golfe fazem deste um local acolhedor e emocionante para jogar golfe, mas é o sentimento de comunidade que distingue o *resort* dos demais.

Karola concluiu: " Há um verdadeiro sentimento de pertença em Vale do Lobo, um sentimento de união, quase de família e isso, é verdadeiramente especial."



# VALE DO LOBO THEN AND NOW...

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**With the Emerald 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vale do Lobo approaching, the resort continues to cherish the history of the past while moving firmly into the future.**

It was Sir Richard Costain who first saw the potential of Vale do Lobo and in 1962 the resort was founded, with Sir Henry Cotton soon adding his expertise into the designing of the now famous Vale do Lobo golf courses.

Development within Vale do Lobo took place rapidly during the 1960s and 70s, with the opening of the Dona Filipa Hotel by Trusthouse Forte in 1968 helping to maintain the luxurious offering that the resort was fast becoming known for.

The Portuguese revolution of 1974 was a time of turbulence for the entire country and led to Costain placing the resort into voluntary liquidation but it wasn't

**Com a celebração do 55.º aniversário de Vale do Lobo, o *resort* continua a valorizar a sua história, enquanto avança rumo ao futuro.**

As origens de Vale do Lobo remontam a 1962, altura em que Sir Richard Costain, vislumbrando o potencial de Vale do Lobo, com a ajuda de Sir Henry Cotton, deu início à construção dos famosos campos de golfe.

O desenvolvimento do *resort* ocorreu rapidamente durante os anos 60 e 70, com a inauguração em 1968 do Hotel Dona Filipa pela Trusthouse Forte.

A revolução Portuguesa de 1974 trouxe grande turbulência ao país e Sir Richard Costain decidiu colocar o *resort* em liquidação voluntária, mas não demorou muito tempo para que Sander van Gelder, empresário Holandês, assumisse a liderança do *resort*, em 1977.

Durante quase três décadas, Vale do Lobo, tornou-



long before the another entrepreneur, this time in the form of Sander van Gelder from Holland, took over the resort in 1977.

For nearly 30 years Vale do Lobo became a reference in Europe, and the resort was then bought by a group of Portuguese and international investors in 2006 and saw Diogo Gaspar Ferreira take the helm as a shareholder and CEO.

While there have been some major changes that have taken place over the years in Vale do Lobo, the same level of dedication, commitment and passion has always been evident and some of the staff who lived through the changes, still remain active members of staff today. Their insights into the resort and working for Vale do Lobo for decades allows them to shine a light on the real people who make the resort what it is today.

-se numa referência na Europa e, no final de 2006, foi então adquirido por um grupo de investidores Portugueses e internacionais com Diogo Gaspar Ferreira na liderança como accionista e CEO.

Embora tenha havido grandes mudanças ao longo dos anos em Vale do Lobo, o nível de dedicação, empenho e paixão sempre foi evidente e, alguns dos colaboradores do *resort* que viveram as mudanças, ainda hoje fazem parte desta equipa. A sua experiência, conhecimento do *resort* e história pessoal são valorizadas por todos e são o reflexo dos valores da empresa, orgulhosamente partilhados por todos!

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**LILITA BATISTA · Board Deputy Director**  
**42 YEARS IN VALE DO LOBO**

I was quite young when I joined the company and so was the company, since then, we have both grown and experienced a lot over the last few decades.

Looking back, it's amazing how we were able to work with just a typewriter, telex, and one telephone land line for the entire resort. Clients who wanted to call home, had to line up in Reception, request the call to be booked and wait at least one hour for the call to come back through the international operator. No computers, no cell phones, not even a fax machine but we got things done! How technology has changed.

I look back and think how it was possible to have spent most of my life in Vale do Lobo? Why have I never taken a position elsewhere? I never felt the need and I guess I've always enjoyed working here. I have learned a great deal through the years, gained experience and a vast overall knowledge of the company, having worked in many different areas such as: Tourism, Finance, Board Office, Sales as well as the close contact with the remaining company operations. Each time I changed departments it felt like I was starting a new job, and the years just passed and here I am 42 years later.

**LILITA BATISTA · Board Deputy Director**  
**42 ANOS EM VALE DO LOBO**

Eu era muito jovem quando ingressei na empresa, também ela jovem, e ambas crescemos ao longo de décadas.

Olhando para trás, é incrível como fomos capazes de trabalhar com apenas uma máquina de escrever, telex, e um telefone fixo para todo o resort. Os clientes que queriam ligar para casa, faziam fila na recepção, tinham de pedir a chamada e aguardar pelo menos uma hora pela chamada através da operadora internacional. Nem computadores, nem telemóveis, nem mesmo uma máquina de fax, mas tudo se fazia na mesma!

Como foi possível ter passado a maior parte da minha vida em Vale do Lobo? Por que razão nunca saí para outra empresa? O facto é que nunca senti a necessidade e sempre gostei de trabalhar aqui! Aprendi muito ao longo dos anos, adquiri uma grande experiência e um vasto conhecimento global da empresa, tendo trabalhado em diversas áreas, tais como: Turismo, Financeiro, Administração e Vendas. Cada vez que mudava de departamento sentia que estava a começar um novo emprego, os anos foram passando e, aqui estou eu, 42 anos depois.





**LUÍS MATOS · Resort and Technical Director**  
**43 YEARS IN VALE DO LOBO**

Luís Matos has long been considered to be part of the "furniture" and the history of Vale do Lobo and has witnessed first-hand the evolution and growth of the resort into the success that it is today.

Since beginning as a topographer in 1973, before moving into the security and then golfing departments, he has always been involved in the general environment of the resort as well as being playing an integral role in the evolution of sports training camps in the resort.

"It would be impossible for me to be able to write about my Vale do Lobo experience in a single paragraph", he laughs.

One area that has always been dear to his heart is his involvement with sport in the resort, and in particular, cycling and football.

In 1987 Carlos Queiroz, the Portuguese under 21 team coach, chose Vale do Lobo as the base for a training camp, with the team then going on to win the world championship! Luís Matos met with Carlos Queiroz at this time and so the path to welcoming further teams to the resort began, with Sporting Clube de Portugal, the England team, Manchester United and Real Madrid all choosing the resort.

His passion for sports and football has allowed him to build relationships with many footballing stars including Sir Alex Ferguson, Cristiano Ronaldo and property owner Ronald Koeman.



**LUÍS MATOS · Director Técnico e do Resort**  
**43 ANOS EM VALE DO LOBO**

Luís Matos é, simpaticamente, considerado por todos como "parte da mobília" e da própria história de Vale do Lobo, tendo testemunhado, em primeira mão, a evolução e o crescimento do resort convertendo-se no sucesso que é hoje.

Ingressou como topógrafo em 1973, passou depois para a segurança e, em seguida, para o departamento de golfe, tendo estado sempre envolvido no ambiente geral do resort e na área desportiva.

"Seria impossível para mim descrever a minha experiência em Vale do Lobo num único parágrafo," comenta Luis bem humorado.

Ao longo dos anos, Luis Matos esteve também envolvido na área do desporto e, em particular no ciclismo e no futebol.

Em 1987, o então Seleccionador de sub-21 de Portugal, Carlos Queiroz, escolheu Vale do Lobo para um estágio da equipa, tendo nesse ano vencido o respectivo Campeonato do Mundo de Futebol! Foi nessa altura que Luis Matos o conheceu, abrindo caminho para que outras equipas como o Sporting Clube de Portugal, o Manchester United, o Real Madrid ou a Selecção Inglesa estagiassem em Vale do Lobo.

A sua conhecida paixão pelo desporto fez com que se tornasse próximo de muitas estrelas do futebol, incluindo Sir Alex Ferguson, Cristiano Ronaldo e Ronald Koeman, proprietário em Vale do Lobo.



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## ANA MARIA GUERREIRO · *Housekeeping* 43 YEARS IN VALE DO LOBO

Ana Maria was only 21, she was already married and with a three year old child when she started working in Vale do Lobo and it was just after a quite complicated time for her and her family.

"I was six months pregnant when my husband had been deployed to fight in the Portuguese colonial wars, which were hard times but thanks to the support of my parents and in-laws I was able to get through them and my husband returned."

She added: "The work used to be very difficult, we had to walk with bed linen, towels and cleaning materials in our arms around the resort," says Ana Maria, "Today everything is far more simple, we have drivers and it is impossible to compare the working conditions which have thankfully evolved to the benefit of everyone!"

Ana Maria concludes "Looking back at my career and life story in Vale do Lobo, I can only say that I feel fulfilled. For me it has been a wonder and a privilege to belong to this resort and I sincerely hope it stays that way for many years to come."

## ANA MARIA GUERREIRO · *Housekeeping* 43 ANOS EM VALE DO LOBO

Ana Maria tinha apenas 21 anos, era casada e com uma filha de 3 anos quando começou a trabalhar em Vale do Lobo, logo após uma altura muito complicada da sua vida pessoal.

"Estava grávida de seis meses quando o meu marido foi destacado para combater na Guerra das Colónias Portuguesas, no Ultramar; foram tempos difíceis, mas que superei com a ajuda dos meus pais e sogros."

"O trabalho de antigamente era bem mais difícil, tínhamos de andar com as roupas de cama, toalhas e materiais de limpeza em braços e a pé por todo o *resort*," lembra Ana Maria. "Hoje, tudo é mais simples, temos motorista e as condições de trabalho nem se compararam, felizmente!" explica. "O trabalho evoluiu muito e a todos beneficiou!"

Ana Maria partilha o seu balanço de vida e trabalho em Vale do Lobo: "Olhando para trás, só posso dizer que me sinto realizada. Para mim tem sido um privilégio pertencer a esta casa pelo que espero, sinceramente, que continue assim por muitos e longos anos."





**ROMEU AMBRÓSIO · Accounts**  
**45 YEARS IN VALE DO LOBO**

Working in Vale do Lobo has been more than just an experience for me, it has been my life!

I still remember being 14 years old and knocking on the door of Vale do Lobo hoping that they would accept me in one of their departments.

Over the years there have been good and bad times, victories and defeats, smiles and sometimes tears ... but I remain grateful for all the opportunities the resort has given me.

I have grown up in Vale do Lobo and have learned throughout the years, just as the resort has grown and conquered new markets while always striving for mutual respect, mutual support and fellowship, traits that characterise the entire team, who I am proud to not only call my colleagues but also my family.

**ROMEU AMBRÓSIO · Contabilidade**  
**45 ANOS EM VALE DO LOBO**

Trabalhar em Vale do Lobo tem sido mais do que apenas uma experiência para mim, tem sido a minha vida!

Ainda me recordo de ter 14 anos e bater à porta dos escritórios de Vale do Lobo na esperança de que me dessem trabalho num dos departamentos.

Ao longo dos anos e, como em tudo na vida, tenho experienciado momentos bons e menos bons, vitórias e algumas derrotas, sorrisos e por vezes lágrimas... Mas continuo muito grato por todas as oportunidades que Vale do Lobo me deu.

O facto é que eu cresci e aprendi em Vale do Lobo, acompanhando o desenvolvimento do *resort*, mas o respeito mútuo e companheirismo mantém-se como no primeiro dia, e é com orgulho que hoje considero os meus colegas, a minha família.

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE

AROUND THE RESORT IN 24 HOURS

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Patricia Schlicht is an avid fan of Vale do Lobo and has been visiting the resort since the early 1980's. German born, but living in Vancouver, Canada for the past 23 years, Patricia plans on moving to the Algarve in the future but until then, she visits each year in September. Here we follow a day in the life of Patricia while in Vale do Lobo...

Patrícia Schlicht é uma fã incondicional de Vale do Lobo, que visita regularmente desde o início dos anos 80. Natural da Alemanha e residente em Vancouver, no Canadá, há mais de 23 anos, Patrícia pretende mudar-se definitivamente para o Algarve no futuro mas, até lá, continua a visitar o resort, todos os anos, no mês de Setembro. Aqui acompanhamos um dia de férias de Patrícia quando está em Vale do Lobo...



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### Breakfast

"We always have breakfast at home in the comfort of our beautiful rental villa either by the pool or with a stunning sea view"

### Pequeno-almoço

"Tomamos sempre o pequeno-almoço no conforto da moradia que arrendamos, junto à piscina, apreciando a magnífica vista mar."

09:00h



### Market time

"I love fresh fish and the Algarve is certainly the place to be for this! I visit Quarteira Fish Market on a Saturday morning or the Loulé Markets on Wednesdays for fresh vegetables and fish."

### Ida ao mercado

"Adoro peixe fresco e o Algarve é o local ideal para o encontrar! Aproveito sempre para ir ao Mercado do Peixe em Quarteira no sábado de manhã ou à Praça de Loulé à quarta-feira para comprar o peixe, vegetais e fruta."

11:00h



### Mid morning walk

"I often take walks around the resort and take lots of photos. I enjoy beautiful architecture and Vale do Lobo has a wealth to enjoy as well as stunning natural features."

### Passeio matinal

"Costumo fazer caminhadas pelo *resort* e tirar imensas fotos. Gosto de contemplar belas obras de arquitectura e Vale do Lobo dispõe de uma grande diversidade além dos magníficos cenários naturais."

12:30h



### Lunch

"I personally enjoy Indian and Thai food the most and like to cook these at home but I am open to everything else as well and if I have bought fish at the market then I like to cook it in the villa"

### Almoço

"A minha comida preferida é a Indiana e a Tailandesa e adoro cozinhar estes pratos em casa mas, caso tenha comprado peixe fresco no mercado, também sou sempre eu que o cozinho."

13:30h



### Golf

"I love the Royal Golf Course's 15th/16th fairways and the unforgettable views from the 16th, but the Ocean Golf Course has its charm and beautiful vistas. Playing golf is a beautiful way to take up a family activity which all members can enjoy together."

### Golfe

"Adoro os buracos 15 e 16 do Royal Golf Course e a vista de cortar a respiração deste último, mas também o campo de golfe Ocean tem os seus encantos. Jogar golfe é uma excelente actividade para desfrutar em família e uma oportunidade para estarmos juntos."

17:30h



### Beach walk

"One of my favourite activities is walking along the beach and when I visit during September I have it almost to myself! I love the cleanness of the Blue Flag beach and the Atlantic and finish a walk with a cooling dip in the water."

### Caminhada pela praia

"Uma das coisas que mais gosto é passear pela praia. Em Setembro, quando geralmente venho ao *resort*, tenho a praia quase toda para mim! A limpeza da praia, o mar azul e um refrescante mergulho no final da caminhada são uma experiência única!"





18:30h



### **Praça**

"After a walk on the beach it is great to enjoy a nice cold drink in Breeze in the Vale do Lobo Praça before our walk home for the evening."

### **Praça**

"Depois de uma tranquila caminhada pela praia, e já no final do dia, nada como desfrutar de uma bebida bem fresca na esplanada do Breeze na Praça de Vale do Lobo".

20:00h



### **Dinner**

"We have always alternated cooking at home with going out for dinner. There so many restaurant types and options to choose from both in the resort and outside we are spoiled for choice."

### **Jantar**

"Alternamos sempre entre uma refeição caseira e um jantar fora. Existem tantas opções e restaurantes de gastronomia variada dentro e fora do *resort*, que nos sentimos verdadeiramente mimados pela ampla variedade."

22:00h



### **Moonlight drinks**

"Before settling down for the night a glass of Vinho Verde in the moonlight is the best way to end the day."

### **Bebidas ao luar**

"A melhor forma para terminar a noite é mesmo desfrutar um copo de vinho verde ao luar, retemperando energias e encerrando em pleno mais um grande dia em Vale do Lobo."



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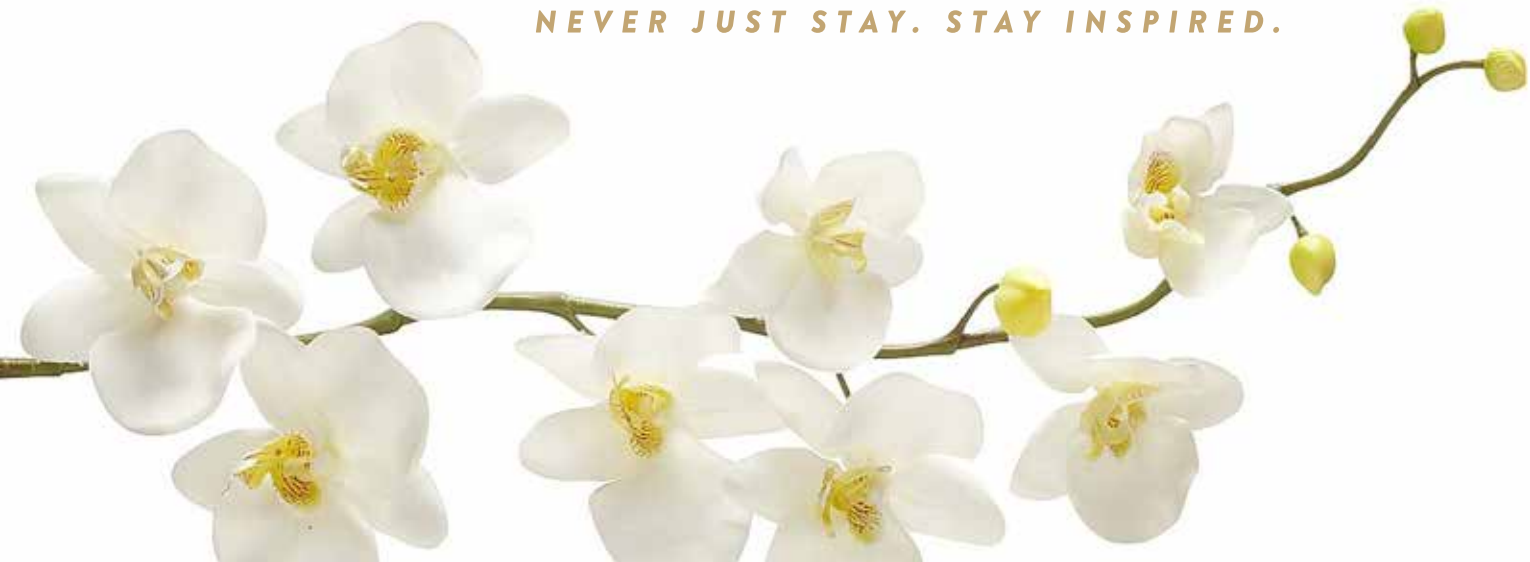
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# THE GENERATION GAME

BEHIND THE SCENES AT SPIKES

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**Spikes is at the very heart of Vale do Lobo, and at very the heart of Spikes is the Belhaj family, who prove that the restaurant business really does run in the family.**

Open 365 days of the year, 16 hours a day and always offering a warm welcome, Vale do Lobo has invested in the complete refurbishment of Spikes, designed and built entirely by the Vale do Lobo construction team in association with Maria Raposo interior design, to create a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere any time of the day.

No coração de Vale do Lobo encontramos o Clubhouse que integra o Restaurante Spikes, cuja verdadeira alma e essência resultam da dedicação da família Belhaj.

Uma referência no *resort*, 365 dias por ano, 16 horas por dia num ambiente muito convidativo; este é o Clubhouse de Vale do Lobo e o Restaurante Spikes que foram recentemente remodelados. O projecto esteve a cargo da equipa de construção e arquitectura de Vale do Lobo contando com a colaboração de Maria Raposo na decoração de interiores.

Spikes succeeds in being a place that really is all things to all people and it has been by incorporating the skills of every member of the Belhaj family that this has been possible.

Head chef, and the creative force behind the kitchen, Maurice, hails from Morocco but built up his skills in France where he met Algarve born Fátima.

The couple initially opened the restaurant La Place in Vale do Lobo in 2000 before then taking over the helm at Spikes at the Clubhouse.

"We started managing Spikes in 2003 during the month of the Portuguese Open, which certainly was an experience," laughs Fátima, "So much has changed since then, which makes this an exciting and dynamic place to work for all of the family."

With 30 people making up the Spikes team, a number which rises to 35 during the high season, it can be complicated to manage a business with such a varied clientele and all with very different needs but now sons Kevin and Alex are also on board, it means that you will always find a member of the family when you visit.

"Every day is a different experience and you can have a lot of different things happen. During one day we can have a football team here, a wedding and then breakfasts for the golfers all at the same time!

This means that each day can be a challenge but it gives us massive satisfaction to meet the needs of our varied clients", explains Fátima who not only watches over the front of house but also helps with menu items including desserts and starters to which she adds her Algarvian influences to.

The family work as a team in Spikes. Maurice is at home in the kitchen where he takes a hands on approach to training staff, preparing food, sourcing the very best products, cooking and then the final stage of checking the pass. Fátima can be found at the start of the process, dealing with menus, set ups and organisation.

O Restaurante Spikes, gerido pela família Belhaj, é um ponto de encontro estratégico no *resort*, a qualquer hora do dia e qualquer que seja a circunstância.

O Chef Maurice Belhaj, que é a verdadeira força criativa por trás da cozinha do Spikes, nasceu em Marrocos, mas foi em França que aprendeu e aperfeiçoou os seus dotes gastronómicos, onde acabaria por conhecer a esposa Fátima, natural do Algarve.

O casal iniciou a sua vida no *resort* com a inauguração do restaurante La Place, no ano de 2000, antes de assumir a gestão do Restaurante Spikes no Clubhouse.

"Começámos a gerir o Restaurante Spikes em 2003, durante o mês do Open de Portugal, o que foi sem dúvida uma experiência diferente", recorda Fátima com uma risada, "Muito mudou desde então. O Spikes é um local emocionante e dinâmico onde toda a família trabalha."

Com uma equipa de 30 colaboradores, reforçada para 35 durante os meses de Verão, pode não ser tarefa fácil gerir um negócio face à variedade de clientes com gostos tão distintos mas, agora, com a ajuda dos filhos, Kevin e Alex, o Spikes conta sempre com o apoio de um dos membros da família.

"Cada dia nos reserva uma experiência diferente e podemos mesmo ter situações distintas a acontecer simultaneamente. Num dia chegamos a ter uma equipa de futebol, um casamento e ainda assegurar os pequenos-almoços para golfistas, tudo ao mesmo tempo!", explica Fátima, que não só coordena a operação logística e o serviço de atendimento como ainda prepara alguns itens do menu, incluindo sobremesas ou entradas, aos quais confere o seu toque pessoal.

A família trabalha verdadeiramente em equipa no Spikes. Maurice lidera a cozinha onde se dedica a dar formação aos colaboradores, a preparar os mais sofisticados pratos, a seleccionar os melhores e mais frescos produtos, a cozinhar e a assegurar a qualidade de excelência em todos os pedidos que finaliza. Por sua vez,

The family have welcomed many stars and personalities to Spikes over the years including football teams such as the England Team and Real Madrid, David and Victoria Beckham and the former Portuguese President Aníbal Cavaco Silva.

Maurice enjoys being able to cater for the specific needs of each client and brings to his dishes his unique and personal style, influenced by his home country of Morocco and by his time in France and prides himself on being able to offer something exceptional.

"I cook with passion and put this into every dish I create. Someone can tell me they don't like lamb but once they have tried it from me then they can't help but love it – I always try to bring new elements to everything I prepare", said Maurice.

Eldest son Alex began working in Spikes full time in 2007 and has become involved in the front of house alongside his mother but as he explains, it is a joint effort: "We all work together, there are no real set roles as we do things as a team – although I try to keep out of the kitchen!"

Now with a son of his own, Alex cannot remember a time when the family weren't involved in the industry: "I can remember my father telling me that this was a tough industry to be in and that you have to work really hard to succeed so I didn't initially want to go in to it!"

"I originally started off working a couple of days but before long I was here full time and now I am fully involved in the front of house", said Alex.

Youngest son Kevin was the final member of the family to join the fold and began in Spikes in 2009.

"I am a problem solver and like to make things run smoothly. When I joined the family business I could already see we had fantastic food and a brilliant team but I could see a gap in what we were offering and decided we should focus on improving the quality of the drinks", said Kevin.

While the rest of the family already had vast experience in the industry, Kevin was able to bring a fresh perspective to the business, although he explained that the family had some reservations about his ideas

Fátima inicia cada processo gerindo os pedidos dos clientes, preparando os menus, organizando a *mise en place* e coordenando todo o serviço.

Ao longo dos anos, foram muitas as celebridades e entidades oficiais recebidas pela família no Spikes incluindo equipas de futebol como a Seleção Inglesa e o Real Madrid, David e Victoria Beckham ou mesmo o anterior Presidente da República Portuguesa, Prof. Aníbal Cavaco Silva.

A capacidade de conseguir atender aos pedidos específicos de cada cliente é algo que Maurice aprecia particularmente, conferindo a cada prato o seu toque de excelência e inigualável talento pessoal, numa excepcional fusão de sabores, cores e aromas que revelam as influências Marroquinas, seu país de origem, e os largos anos de experiência na alta cozinha Francesa.

"Cozinheiro com paixão e isso é algo que aplico em cada prato que preparo. Perante alguém que me diz não gostar de borrego, sei que, assim que o provar confeccionado por mim, vai simplesmente deliciar-se – tento sempre introduzir novos ingredientes em tudo aquilo que preparo", confia Maurice.

O filho mais velho, Alex, começou a trabalhar a tempo inteiro no Spikes em 2007, no atendimento ao cliente mas, como esclarece, é um trabalho de equipa: "Colaboramos em tudo, não temos funções distintas pois conjugamos sinergias para o mesmo objectivo – muito embora, tente manter-me afastado da cozinha!"

Agora que também já é pai, Alex já nem se lembra de como era antes de todos os membros da família estarem envolvidos no negócio: "Recordo-me do meu pai me dizer que não era uma área fácil para trabalhar e que teríamos de nos esforçar bastante para ser bem-sucedidos.

Comecei a trabalhar apenas por algumas horas mas, em pouco tempo, já fazia horário completo e, actualmente, estou a tempo inteiro," adianta Alex.

Kevin, o filho mais novo do casal, foi o último membro da família a integrar o Spikes em 2009.

"Sou um solucionador de problemas e gosto de fazer com que tudo corra bem. Quando me juntei ao negócio da família, sabia que tanto a comida que servíamos





to begin with. "I opened The Lounge in 2011 but when I pitched the idea to my mother she thought it was something that I would only do for the summer so when I asked her to invest in the bar area, glasses and drinks she wasn't exactly forthcoming!"

Two weeks later, when The Lounge had already shown it could be a fantastic success, then my mother agreed to buy all the new glasses!"

Like his father Maurice, who is constantly innovating and creating new dishes for the menu, Kevin pushes himself to learn more constantly and finished an intensive course at the European Bartender School in London with a final score of 94% , making him one of the

como a equipa que tínhamos eram excelentes mas, também identifiquei uma área onde havia muito por fazer: melhorar o serviço de bar e a qualidade das bebidas", explica Kevin.

Kevin conseguiu trazer uma abordagem diferente e uma visão mais jovem ao negócio, apesar da renitência inicial dos familiares quanto às suas inovadoras ideias, como nos confidenciou. "Inaugurei o espaço The Lounge em 2011 mas quando apresentei a ideia à minha mãe, ela pensou que seria algo que eu apenas fazia durante o Verão pelo que, quando lhe pedi que investisse na remodelação do bar com novos copos e bebidas, ela não ficou propriamente entusiasmada!"



top ten students to ever attend the school and allowing him to bring even more to Spikes for the future.

The Belhaj family bring the wisdom of experience and the flair of the next generation with them to every element of Spikes; from the food, to the drinks and the service – it really is a family affair.

Tal como o seu pai Maurice, que está sempre a inovar, também Kevin se interessa por tudo o que é novidade, procurando sempre aprender mais. Por isso mesmo ingressou e terminou com distinção o curso intensivo na European Bartender School em Londres com nota final de 94%, tornando-se assim num dos melhores dez alunos de sempre da instituição.

O conhecimento, experiência e talento inato da família Belhaj são um legado de gerações, evidente em cada elemento no Restaurante Spikes; desde opções gastronómicas, passando pelas bebidas, ao serviço dedicado – o talento para a restauração é mesmo um assunto desta família.



# Signature Cocktail



**Locally sourced ingredients, Algarvian influences and a touch of British tradition have all been fused together by Kevin Belhaj from The Lounge, to create the Vale do Lobo signature cocktail.**

"I have brought together ingredients that you can find growing here for this cocktail; figs, carobs, rosemary, lemon – they all evoke the essence of the Algarve".

"The base of the cocktail is a gin, which I think draws in the strong British influence we have in the resort but I have chosen to use Gin Mare, to give it a little bit of a Mediterranean twist, while adding a level of balance".

From the rosemary syrup, to the hint of lemon, the Vale do Lobo signature cocktail epitomises the resort, and the light, fruity and aromatic gin cocktail is the ideal accompaniment to the stunning summer sunsets.

**Kevin Belhaj do Bar The Lounge criou uma fusão com ingredientes locais, influências algarvias e um toque de tradição britânica para dar origem ao cocktail de assinatura de Vale do Lobo.**

"Na origem deste cocktail estão ingredientes que podemos encontrar em Vale do Lobo, como; figos, alfarobas, alecrim, limão – todos eles evocam a essência do Algarve", explicou Kevin.

"A base do cocktail é um gin, fruto da forte influência britânica que temos no resort, mas escolhi o Gin Mare, para dar-lhe um toque mediterrânico e equilíbrio".

Do xarope de alecrim, ao toque de limão, o cocktail de assinatura de Vale do Lobo sintetiza o resort – este leve, frutado e aromático cocktail, é assim o acompanhamento ideal para desfrutar do pôr-do-sol deste Verão.



## INTERIOR DESIGN

# Maria Raposo

One name... Maria Raposo and a life dedicated to interior design, a journey with so much to say summarized in these few words.

With various projects in the Algarve, such as Quinta do Lago, Vale do Lobo and Dunas Douradas, the signature of Maria Raposo is immediately recognized by its elegance and sophistication. Her name goes beyond boundaries, developing works in countries like United Kingdom, Ireland, Monaco, Switzerland, Angola and Mozambique.

Aware of the requirements of each room, Maria Raposo keeps a unique plasticity, presenting a bold style, elegant and functional.

Her journey in the world of interior design has made Maria Raposo a reference both national and internationally.



SPIKES, VALE DO LOBO, 2016



# WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE

AT HOME WITH THE CRISTAU FAMILY



**Jean-François Cristau, who has been involved in the shipping, broking, building and cruise business, built the first family property in Vale do Lobo some 35 years ago and after decades of family holidays with his four children, he and his wife Janet have now moved permanently to the resort.**

"Vale do Lobo has always felt like home to our children and now it is a home for our grandchildren too," said Janet. "Our property here has always been a base for all the family to come together and now it is our permanent base too".

Since first purchasing a home in the resort the couple have seen many changes take place over the years: "Vale do Lobo has always naturally had features we have enjoyed; the quiet, the exceptional weather, the beach and the pleasant and welcoming people, but these have all now been enhanced, especially over the past five years," explained Jean-François.

"Everyone here makes an effort to speak in French or English and there is now far more culture and services to cater for what people actually want when they are here," he adds.

Jean-François Cristau, experiente homem de negócios em áreas tão distintas como os transportes, bolsa de valores, construção e cruzeiros, construiu a primeira casa em Vale do Lobo há mais de 35 anos. Após décadas de férias em família no *resort* com os seus quatro filhos, Jean-François e a sua esposa Janet decidiram viver permanentemente em Vale do Lobo.

"Sempre me senti verdadeiramente em casa em Vale do Lobo, primeiro com os nossos filhos e agora com os nossos netos," explica Janet. "A nossa casa sempre foi o ponto de encontro para a família se reunir e partilhar bons momentos, sendo agora a nossa residência durante todo o ano."

Com o passar dos anos, foram muitas as mudanças que o casal acompanhou: "Vale do Lobo sempre manteve as características que valorizamos, como a tranquilidade, o clima fantástico, a praia e um acolhedor ambiente marcado pela constante simpatia de quem nos recebe," partilha Jean-François.

"Todos se esforçam por falar Francês ou Inglês e, atualmente, há muito mais cultura e serviços em função dos interesses e necessidades de quem visita

"We thought we might miss the culture we had available in France, as the resort used to be very focused on just golf, but there are many cultural activities and concerts here now and we always try to attend events when we can," said Janet.

With four children and seven grandchildren aged between two and 15, the resort continues to be a place that all ages are able to enjoy. Their daughter Olivia has always been a fan of the resort and continues to enjoy it as much today as she did as a child: "I have loved the Praça for years and the security here is fantastic too, where else in the world are you able to have a member of the security team accompany you home at night?"

"But there's also lots to do outside of the resort; I enjoy going to Loulé and Faro for live music, trying out the great local restaurants and visiting different events – Silves Medieval festival has always been a favourite of mine!"

Having travelled widely, Jean François considers the resort to compare favourably with other destinations in the world and when asked what made them choose Vale do Lobo to be their home, Janet responds simply: "Just take a look out of my window – the scenery here is very special and there is nothing quite like stepping off the plane in Faro and smelling the perfume of the jasmine and the orange groves."

ou vive no *resort*," adianta.

"Receavamos de perder a vertente cultural que tínhamos em França, uma vez que o *resort* se dedicava mais ao golfe. Contudo, há muitas actividades em Vale do Lobo nas quais participamos, sempre que possível", confidencia Janet.

Para os quatro filhos e sete netos do casal, entre os dois e os quinze anos, o *resort* proporciona sempre algo especial. A sua filha Olivia sempre foi uma fã incondicional do *resort* e continua a divertir-se tanto hoje como quando era criança: "Desde há muitos anos que adoro a Praça, e é tão seguro: onde mais poderia ter um segurança a acompanhar-me até casa a meio da noite?"

"Mas há também imensas coisas para fazer fora do *resort*: gosto particularmente de ir a Loulé e a Faro assistir a concertos, descobrir novos restaurantes e visitar diferentes eventos como a Feira Medieval de Silves que é sempre um dos meus preferidos.

Para Jean François, o *resort* não tem comparação possível com outros destinos, pelo que, quando questionado sobre o que o fez escolher Vale do Lobo para residir, Janet é perentória: "Basta olhar pela minha janela – o cenário é único e não há nada como pisar fora do avião ao chegar ao aeroporto de Faro, e sentir o aroma a jasmim ou a flores de laranjeira."



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# FIT FOR LIFE

HEALTH AND FITNESS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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**Keeping fit is an integral part of a healthy lifestyle and in Vale do Lobo it couldn't be easier to enjoy sports and fitness in beautiful surroundings.**

Many top teams, including the England football team, Manchester United, Real Madrid and the Welsh national football team, come to Vale do Lobo for training and the same great facilities are available to everyone keen to keep fit.

One of the most sociable ways to enjoy fitness in Vale do Lobo is at the Tennis Academy, and as one of the largest tennis facilities in Portugal and the Algarve, it attracts top national and international fixtures.

With 10 hard courts, four synthetic grass courts and mini-tennis and 2 paddle courts, the Tennis Academy

**Manter-se em boa forma física faz parte integrante de um estilo de vida saudável e em Vale do Lobo não poderia ser mais fácil com tão belos cenários.**

As principais equipas de futebol internacionais como a Selecção Inglesa, o Manchester United, o Real Madrid e a Selecção do País de Gales elegem regularmente Vale do Lobo para a realização de estágios graças às excelentes infraestruturas desportivas e de lazer do resort.

Por outro lado, para quem privilegia o desporto num ambiente de convívio, a Academia de Ténis de Vale do Lobo, como uma das maiores da modalidade em Portugal, recebe ao longo de todo o ano grandes nomes internacionais da modalidade.



has been designed to meet the needs of tennis players of all levels.

"This is the most beautiful place to play tennis in Europe and when people first visit they are astonished by the level of the coaching staff and the variety of tournaments, training options and events that we have", said Pedro Frazão who runs the Tennis Academy.

Often it is easier to keep motivated about fitness if you work with others and at the Vale do Lobo Fitness Centre you can work with a personal trainer, in group classes or exercise with friends and family in the gym.

Whether you're inside the gym taking part in cycle, HIT or pilates classes, or are down on the beach with the trainers as part of a fitness day, exercising with the team from the Fitness Centre is always a fun and rewarding experience for all involved.

The highly experienced personal trainers at the Fitness Centre are able to create bespoke programmes and can help people to reach their fitness targets, whether they are recovering from specific ailments such as golfing injuries, or are looking for specialist exercises to meet individual needs.

Vale do Lobo embraces a healthy lifestyle and encourages guests to make use of the many facilities on offer, including the jogging route around the resort, which allows you to take in the views while working out and stopping off at the outdoor fitness area for some extra training.

Get on your bike to explore the resort or even enjoy a moonlight run along the beach and across the golf courses during the annual Let's Go Run initiative – whatever your fitness passion, in Vale do Lobo we are here to encourage and support an active lifestyle.

Com 10 *courts* rápidos, 4 de relva sintética, 1 campo de mini-ténis e 2 campos de *paddle* ténis, a Academia de Ténis proporciona excelentes condições desportivas para jogadores de todos os níveis, preferências e requisitos.

"Este é o mais belo local da Europa para jogar ténis e quando nos visitam pela primeira vez, as pessoas ficam impressionadas com o nível de qualidade da equipa, variedade de torneios, opções de treino e eventos que realizamos", comenta Pedro Frazão responsável pela gestão da Academia de Ténis de Vale do Lobo.

Por vezes, é mais fácil manter a motivação desportiva quando treinamos em grupo e, no Fitness Centre de Vale do Lobo, são diversas as opções disponíveis, desde o treino específico com um *personal trainer* a dinâmicas aulas de grupo.

Quer se trate de uma aula de Cycle, HIT ou Pilates ou mesmo uma das iniciativas organizadas na praia, a prática de exercício físico com a equipa de profissionais do Fitness Centre é sempre uma animada e gratificante experiência para todos.

Os profissionais do Fitness Centre desenvolvem programas de treino personalizados e apoiam o praticante de qualquer modalidade desportiva ou nível físico, quer se trate de uma recuperação de lesões, como acontece a golfistas, ou de um plano de exercícios especializado.

Vale do Lobo promove um estilo de vida saudável e incentiva todos os seus clientes a usufruir das excepcionais condições e infraestruturas disponíveis no *resort*, que incluem ainda um extenso circuito de *jogging*.

Seja a pedalar, a correr ou a caminhar ao luar pela praia e campo de golfe enquanto participa na iniciativa anual *Let's Go Run*, Vale do Lobo convida a descobrir os encantos do *resort* de uma forma muito saudável e divertida, rumo à boa forma física.

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# LIFE IS BETTER AT THE BEACH

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**Since 1993 Mário Viegas and Zília Jorge have been managing the beach in Vale do Lobo, providing a safe, relaxing and enjoyable space for beach lovers of all ages.**

When Mário first began working at the beach in Vale do Lobo, things were very different from today, with just three rows of sunbeds, only small beach huts available for storage and a far smaller team to manage. However, while the beach facilities have grown and improved, the same family friendly approach remains, thanks to the dedication of Mário, Zília and the team who work in conjunction with Vale do Lobo.

"We now run three beach concessions along Vale do Lobo beach and with more than 165 beds available, we always have space for people," explains Mário.

For many, a day spent relaxing on one of the beds with the comfort of the shade and the towels provided is the very best way to spend a day in the Algarve, but for others looking for some adrenalin filled fun there are options available.

"We have a banana boat and the inflatable sofas which are always a lot of fun but it is the jet skis that never fail to be a draw for many people looking to experience some speed out on the waves," said Mário.

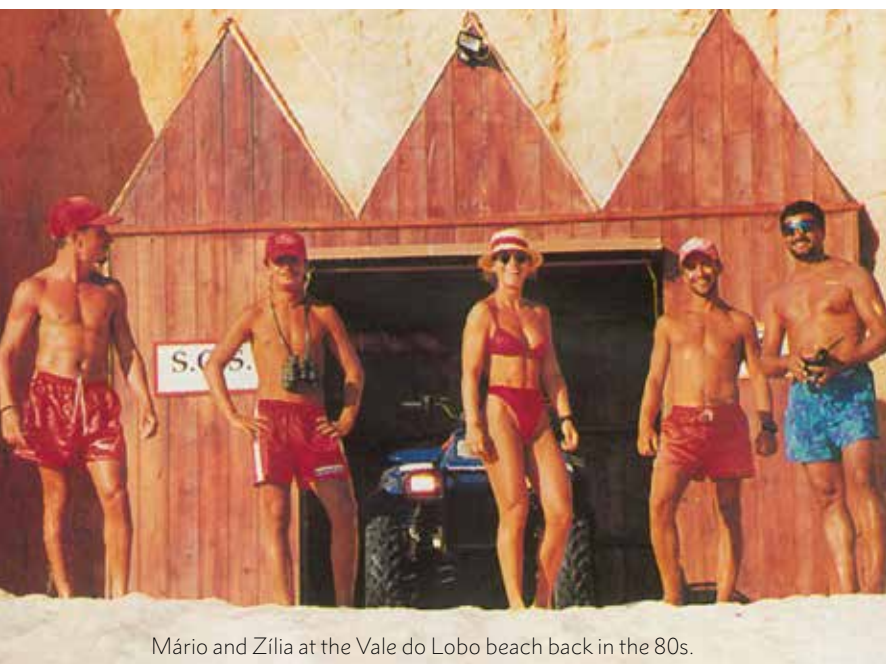
**Desde 1993 que Mário Viegas e Zília Jorge gerem as concessões balneares em Vale do Lobo, proporcionando uma praia segura, relaxante e muito agradável para todas as idades.**

Quando Mário começou a trabalhar na praia em Vale do Lobo, tudo era muito diferente, com apenas três linhas de espreguiçadeiras, algumas cabanas pequenas para armazenamento e uma equipa bem menor para coordenar. No entanto, e apesar dos apoios de praia e infra-estruturas balneares terem crescido e melhorado substancialmente, a abordagem familiar tão amigável deste casal permanece como resultado da dedicação de Mário, Zília e da sua equipa que, conjuntamente com Vale do Lobo, asseguram um excepcional serviço ano após ano.

"Actualmente somos responsáveis pelas três concessões ao longo da praia de Vale do Lobo e, com mais de 165 espreguiçadeiras, temos sempre espaços disponíveis para todos", explica Mário.

Para muitos, a melhor maneira de passar um dia no Algarve é mesmo desfrutar do conforto da sombra e toalhas numa espreguiçadeira à beira mar, mas, para outros que procuram mais emoção e adrenalina, existe uma ampla variedade de opções disponíveis para pura diversão.





Mário and Zília at the Vale do Lobo beach back in the 80s.



Vale do Lobo beach is a great space to enjoy with family and friends, and over the years the team have welcomed back many families. "We have great relationships with the families that come here. Many of the Property Owners and visitors we have known since they were children and now they are grown up with their own children!" Zília mentions.

The proximity to the resort and the facilities of the Praça, the spectacular scenery and ochre cliffs have always drawn people to Vale do Lobo beach but it is also the safe and clean environment that it provides that is important.

"We have lifeguards on the beach from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of October, longer than in most areas of Portugal," explained Mário. "The entire team is highly trained and we are here to keep people safe and to ensure that the beach is clean and a pleasure to be on. This means that often during the high season we are cleaning constantly to maintain standards.

It is also very important to us that the beach is accessible for everyone and not only do we hold a Blue Flag for our outstanding quality at the beach, we also hold a gold standard for the cleanliness and water quality here and are also an officially recognised accessible beach.

We have a specially designed buggy that we can use to take people with limited mobility onto the sand and into the water and an area for wheelchairs and pushchairs to be left before going onto the beach," said Mário.

And what is it that Mário and Zília enjoy most about working at the beach: "Everything!" they exclaim - and who could blame them?

A praia de Vale do Lobo é emblemática e um ponto de encontro de amigos e famílias. "Criámos laços e fizemos grandes amizades com as famílias que nos visitam. Muitos dos proprietários e visitantes que conhecemos vêm a Vale do Lobo desde crianças, e agora que cresceram, regressam com os seus filhos!" realça Zília.

A proximidade com todas as infraestruturas do *resort* e com o complexo balnear da Praça, as espectaculares paisagens e emblemáticas falésias de cor ocre sempre foram factores muito atractivos para quem visita a praia de Vale do Lobo mas é, acima de tudo, o ambiente seguro e o nível de limpeza que aqui encontram, que fazem toda a diferença.

"Os nossos nadadores salvadores asseguram a vigilância da praia desde o dia 1 de Maio até final de Outubro, superando em muito o período de época balnear praticado pela maioria de outros locais em Portugal", explicou Mário. "Toda a equipa é altamente qualificada e com formação específica, pois a nossa função é manter um ambiente tranquilo e seguro, garantindo um serviço de qualidade em benefício de todos os utentes da praia.

De igual modo, a acessibilidade para todos também representa uma importante componente pelo que, não só temos a Bandeira Azul como certificação de qualidade, como também renovamos a classificação de praia com 'Qualidade de Ouro' atribuída, bem como o reconhecimento oficial de praia acessível.

Dispomos de um andarilho anfíbio que utilizamos para permitir o acesso ao banho ou à praia por pessoas com mobilidade reduzida, bem como de uma área específica para parquear cadeiras de rodas e carrinhos de bebé para quem se desloca à praia", explica Mário.

Mas para Mário e Zília, quando questionados sobre o que gostam mais por trabalhar na praia: "Tudo!" exclamam ambos sem hesitar – e quem os poderá contestar?

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# A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

A PLACE THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN ENJOY

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**Eric Nicoli, has had extensive experience in managing global businesses and, in addition to being Chairman and Chief Executive of large public companies, including United Biscuits and the EMI Group plc, for almost 20 years, he has been the non-executive Chairman of a number of privately owned companies including Yo! Sushi, Vue Entertainment and The Tussauds Group. He and his family purchased a property in Vale do Lobo 10 years ago.**

Eric Nicoli has been visiting the Algarve for golf for some 30 years but when it came to purchasing a property for the entire family to enjoy, Vale do Lobo was the clear choice for Eric and his wife Lucy.

"Our original reasons for coming to Vale do Lobo are perhaps different from why we come here now," explained Lucy.

Ten years ago, when we decided to buy a property in Vale do Lobo, our youngest daughters, Alice and Laura, were under six and we were looking for a place as close as possible to the beach, with things for children to do, good year round weather and security."

Now the girls are in their teens and Vale do Lobo of-

Eric Nicoli conta com uma longa carreira na gestão de grandes negócios a nível mundial incluindo a liderança de importantes empresas públicas como a United Biscuits e a EMI Group, por mais de 20 anos, além de diversos cargos como Administrador não executivo de grupos privados como a Yo! Sushi, Vue Entertainment e The Tussauds. Eric Nicoli e a sua família são proprietários de uma moradia em Vale do Lobo há cerca de 10 anos.

Embora Eric Nicoli visite o Algarve há mais de 30 anos para jogar golfe, quando se decidiu a adquirir uma propriedade para a família, Vale do Lobo foi a escolha clara, tanto para si como para a sua esposa Lucy.

"Inicialmente, talvez as nossas razões para termos escolhido Vale do Lobo fossem algo diferentes das que nos motivam hoje," explica Lucy.

"Há dez anos, quando decidimos comprar casa em Vale do Lobo, as nossas filhas mais novas, Alice e Laura, tinham menos de seis anos de idade, pelo que pretendíamos um lugar o mais próximo possível da praia, com actividades para crianças e bom tempo durante todo o ano com segurança."



fers something different for the family: "We're pleased to be able to let them enjoy some freedom in a safe place. Security in Vale do Lobo is excellent which means that they can go exploring and have fun by themselves – without us worrying too much," said Lucy.

For Eric, it was not only the beachfront location of Vale do Lobo that appealed to him but also the strong sense of community: "We love being able to walk down to the beach and, while the resort is self-contained it

Atualmente, as miúdas são adolescentes e Vale do Lobo oferece algo diferente para a família: "Costamos de lhes dar alguma liberdade num lugar seguro. Em Vale do Lobo, os níveis de segurança são excelentes pelo que podemos deixá-las explorar e divertir-se sozinhas sem nos preocuparmos," comenta Lucy.

Para Eric, o que mais o atraiu em Vale do Lobo não se tratou apenas da localização frente à praia mas do forte espírito de comunidade: "Costamos de dar um passeio



never feels claustrophobic; it simply feels safe and yet full of fun.

We have many friends here and there's a real sense of community to be found in Vale do Lobo that you don't get in most other places.

The golf courses, the club and the staff are also brilliant – they're always cheerful and helpful and the courses are always in great condition. The continuity of the staff and of management here has been a really important factor in maintaining the community spirit and that sense of belonging which we all enjoy."

The family villa, which is often home to up to 12 people and two dogs, is used regularly throughout the year and as Lucy explains "although we stay often in the property, every time we come there is something new and different to do and explore."

She added: "We spend most of our time here outside so it's a perfect place for us to be with our dogs and we're lucky enough to have a tennis court which has seen many hours of friendly – and sometimes intense – competition. It's also easy to meet up with all of the friends we've made here over the years."

Both Alice and Laura learnt to play tennis in Vale do Lobo and have forged many friendships of their own while staying in the resort. Alice said: "Vale do Lobo is a great place to make friends and we also often see people here from school."

Laura added: "When we're here we play lots of tennis, go to the beach and the pools in the Praça during the day and then go out in the evening. We always feel comfortable when we're here."

Since first buying the family property 10 years ago, Eric has seen many changes in the resort but Vale do Lobo continues to be the ideal place for all of the family to get together each year: "Vale do Lobo has never waived on standards since we bought 10 years ago, not even through the tough economic times. Standards haven't just been maintained in the resort, they've been raised. Vale do Lobo is a wonderful place and just gets better and better."

até à praia e, muito embora seja um resort auto-suficiente nunca nos sentimos claustrofóbicos; apenas em segurança e ainda assim com muita diversão.

Temos muitos amigos no *resort* e existe um verdadeiro sentido de comunidade em Vale do Lobo, que não se encontra na maioria dos outros locais.

Os campos de golfe, o Clube e todo o staff é excepcional – recebem-nos sempre com um sorriso e são extremamente atenciosos, além de que os campos estão sempre em fantásticas condições. A continuidade de colaboradores e da própria equipa de gestão no *resort* têm sido essenciais para manter esse forte espírito de comunidade e de pertença que tanto apreciamos."

A moradia da família chega muitas vezes a receber até doze pessoas e dois cães, mas tal como Lucy esclarece "apesar de regressarmos frequentemente, cada vez que aqui voltamos há sempre algo novo e diferente para fazer e descobrir."

Lucy acrescenta: "Passamos a maior parte do tempo no exterior pelo que este é mesmo o lugar ideal para estarmos com os nossos cães e, como temos um campo de ténis, são muitas as horas de diversão. Além disso, é extremamente fácil encontrarmo-nos com todos os amigos que aqui fizemos ao longo dos anos."

Alice e Laura aprenderam a jogar ténis em Vale do Lobo e fizeram muitas amizades: "Este é um local fantástico para fazer novos amigos além de que, muitas vezes, também encontramos colegas da nossa escola".

Laura complementa: "Quando aqui estamos, jogamos ténis, vamos à praia ou à piscina na Praça durante o dia e depois saímos à noite. Sentimo-nos sempre muito bem no *resort*."

Desde que adquiriu a sua moradia, em 1996, que Eric tem assistido a muitas mudanças, mas Vale do Lobo permanece o local de eleição para toda a família. "Vale do Lobo nunca reduziu os padrões de qualidade ao longo destes dez anos, nem mesmo nos tempos económicos mais difíceis. De facto, não só os níveis de excelência foram sempre assegurados no *resort* como conseguiram mesmo ser superados. Vale do Lobo é um lugar simplesmente magnífico e que está cada vez melhor."



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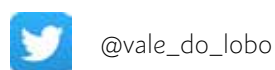


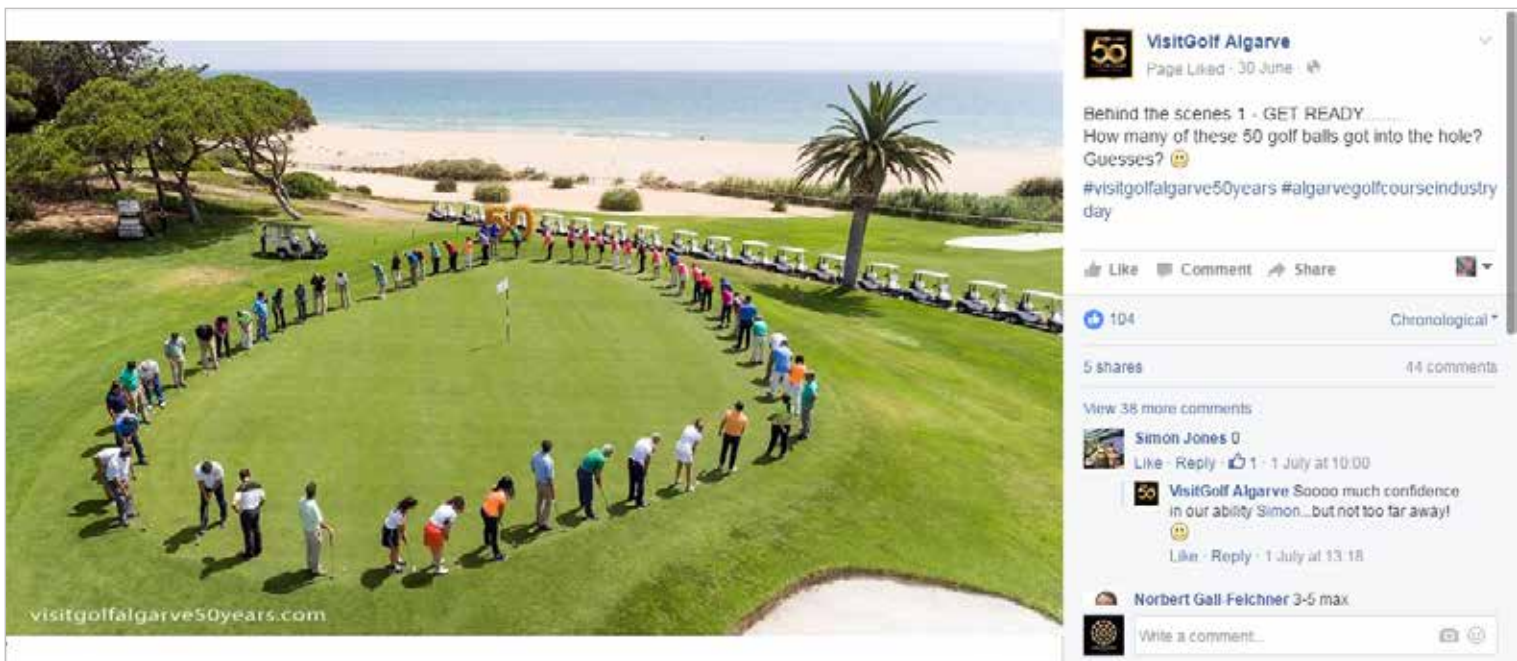
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Dear all,

We have finally arrived in the Algarve and have already settled in to our villa in Vale do Lobo - what a relief to be in the sunshine again!

Olivia was straight in the swimming pool and Harry has been busy catching up with his friends who are here up at the Tennis Academy so Peter and I were instantly able to relax and enjoy the villa (and the hot tub!).

We took a walk down to the Praça in the afternoon on the first day and Olivia saw the Kangaroo Club and was keen to join in as soon as possible, so we signed her up for a couple of days and already she wants more days there.

Harry was wanting to improve his game so he has been taking part in the Junior Golf Academy during the mornings and Peter is hoping he won't be beaten at the end of the week when they play The Royal course - although I know who my money is on!

It has become a bit of a family tradition to play a round on the mini golf course before supper each evening, which has been wonderful as both Harry and Olivia have something they can do together. Then we head off for a bite to eat in the Praça - Harry loves Amore for the pizza and drinks at the Deck bar, while Olivia has become rather partial to the ribs in Monty's before rushing off to play on the bouncy castle and having her face painted (so far she has been a tiger, a princess and Batman!).

After plenty of dancing to the live music in the Praça, Peter and I take Olivia off home and let Harry stay with his friends to visit the Gecko club and it is great knowing that he is safe and is brought home by the circuit bus each evening.

I am not sure how we are going to be able to leave here at the end of the week, Vale do Lobo already feels like home...

All our love

♡ Olivia ♡


Claire Peter

Harry

Vale do Lobo - June 2016







# THE FUTURE IS GREEN

SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS  
FOR YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT



**Vale do Lobo is committed to providing a green environment with innovative solutions to help keep the resort balanced and sustainable, both for today and for future generations to enjoy.**

Protecting and nurturing the environment in this area of natural beauty is a top priority and the landscaping around Vale do Lobo reflects this.

The Vale do Lobo construction team design new homes, renovations and remodeling works to be sympathetic to the surroundings on an aesthetic level, while behind the scenes innovative solutions to help save energy and to use renewable solutions, such as solar panels, are incorporated into plans wherever possible.

New technologies can be harnessed by the team to help properties to gain top energy rating certificates that not only help properties to be kind to the environment, but also help to increase property prices and cut bills.

In the garden, the Vale do Lobo landscaping department can transform green areas using native planting schemes to help promote wildlife and to reduce water-

**A aposta contínua de Vale do Lobo na preservação e protecção da sua herança natural é um compromisso que a empresa assume para com as gerações futuras, promovendo a sustentabilidade.**

Proteger e cuidar do ambiente nesta área de beleza natural é prioridade absoluta e os arranjos paisagísticos em Vale do Lobo são um claro reflexo desta filosofia.

A sustentabilidade é um factor determinante para a Equipa do Departamento de Construção e Arquitectura de Vale do Lobo: quer se trate da construção de uma nova moradia, uma renovação ou mesmo trabalhos de remodelação. O respeito pelo meio ambiente está presente em todos os momentos, conciliando inovadoras soluções com a utilização de energias renováveis e recursos naturais, como a integração de painéis solares.

A aplicação de novas tecnologias não só é determinante na optimização da categoria de certificação energética da propriedade como contribui significativamente para a protecção ambiental, valorizando o próprio imóvel e reduzindo substancialmente os custos mensais.

Paralelamente, e ao nível dos jardins e espaços exteriores, também a renovação de áreas envolventes pelo

ing, while remaining beautiful and practical.

On a larger scale, all areas of Vale do Lobo and its infrastructure are maintained with sustainability always in mind.

Founded in 1999 and owned jointly by the Loulé Municipality (51%) and by Vale do Lobo (49%), Infralobo works in four key areas; maintenance and renovation of infrastructure, urban refuse collection, maintenance of green spaces and general cleaning, and the management of these services has been recognised for its high quality with the ISO 9001 certification for quality.

Infralobo works within Vale do Lobo to create harmonious and environmentally friendly areas. The team uses carefully chosen plants and shrubs designed to look appealing, while also being kind to the environment without the need for heavy watering.

The importance of protecting the natural environment in Vale do Lobo extends all the way to the sea and the Vale do Lobo beach is the proud holder of a Blue Flag Award.

The Blue Flag is an environmental award, given to beaches where a special effort to manage their coastal water environment has been made. To attain the Blue Flag, the beach operators have to fulfil a number of criteria covering water quality, environmental information and education, safety, service and facilities and the Vale do Lobo beach meets all of these requirements.

Together Infralobo and the departments of Vale do Lobo all work together towards the shared goal of creating a sustainable future in the resort.

Departamento de Paisagismo do *resort* privilegia a utilização de espécies de árvores e plantas nativas que ajudam a promover a vida selvagem mas sem grande consumo de água, resultando em excepcionais projectos que primam pela beleza e funcionalidade.

Vale do Lobo e a Infralobo, E.M. (empresa municipal de capital social partilhado; 51% Câmara Municipal de Loulé e 49% Vale do Lobo, RTL, SA) responsável pelas infraestruturas do *resort*, colaboram, continuamente, na criação de áreas harmoniosas comuns, ambientalmente sustentáveis.

Como reflexo dessa filosofia, a Infralobo, E.M. obteve a certificação em Qualidade pela norma internacional ISO 9001:2008, comprovando assim a eficiência na gestão de serviços, nomeadamente a manutenção e remodelação de infra-estruturas, recolha de resíduos sólidos, manutenção e requalificação de espaços verdes e limpeza urbana.

O respeito pelo ambiente impera em todo o *resort*, extensível também à praia, onde a Bandeira Azul – símbolo de qualidade ambiental atribuído todos os anos a praias, portos de recreio e marinas que cumpram um conjunto de critérios que assegurem a preservação, gestão e manutenção do meio ambiente – regressa anualmente, como reconhecimento da qualidade da água, da areia e dos níveis de segurança.

Numa parceria perfeita, a Infralobo e os diversos departamentos de Vale do Lobo partilham um mesmo objectivo comum, assegurar o desenvolvimento do *resort* rumo a um futuro sustentável e em sintonia com o ambiente.

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Find out how more about energy efficient home solutions, gardens and more from the Vale do Lobo construction, architecture and landscaping teams.

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# A NEW ERA OF SUCCESS

*New Nobel  
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Mike Farrer has taken on the role of Head of School at the Nobel International School Algarve and will be using his decades of experience to help transform the school through a programme of Discovery.

The Nobel International School Algarve is one of the largest and oldest international schools in Portugal and currently provides a high standard of education to more than 700 children between the ages of three and 18.

The school integrates two campuses, one in Lagoa and another in Lagos, with a third being developed in the Almancil area and due to open its doors in September 2017.

The new Nobel International School Algarve campus will be located on a piece of land next to the go-Karting track in Almancil and will be developed into the new Nobel International School – Almancil. Once it opens in September 2017 there will be a phased "in" approach meaning that the school will start with Kindergarten 1, Reception class and from Year 1 to Year 4.

In total, the new school will have six classrooms as well as a dedicated art room, music room and a multi-media centre, alongside the administrative space that is required for the school to operate, the assembly room and the catering facilities and a dedicated sports field.

The theme of "discovery" that runs through every aspect of the school, including the academic programme and campus life, is one that will be reflected in the new Almancil base and is also being embraced by Head of School Mike Farrer.

"I'm already impressed with the collegiality of the staff," said Mr Farrer. "The campus is beautiful, the parents are involved and there is a genuine desire to work together as one team."

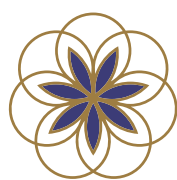
"This is a good school, and I know we can make it a great school," he added.

Mr Farrer brings more than 25 years of experience in international education to Nobel Algarve, having taught and served as Senior Housemaster at St Alban's College and Founding Senior Headmaster of Pecanwood College in South Africa. His goals for Nobel Algarve include building enrolment, particularly among international students, continuing to enhance the quality of inquiry-based learning, and creating new offerings that encourage students to explore nature and the world around them while following the theme of "Discovery".

Mr Farrer concluded: "Nobel Algarve has a tradition of academic excellence and a spirit of discovery that truly excites both students and faculty. I know that, together, we can continue to build a learning environment that inspires and motivates our students to be compassionate, determined global citizens."

With the new Head of School and the exciting expansion of the school into the Almancil area, Nobel International School Algarve is moving towards a bright future, while covering both the Portuguese and British curriculums and also offering boarding, summer school and after-school options.

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# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

FROM BUYING A PLOT TO BUILDING A DREAM HOME



**The Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate Team ensures the entire buying and selling process is a smooth one for all involved.**

For Vale do Lobo property owner Mr Paul Helmer, there are three things that every prospective property owner should be looking for when it comes to buying a home or plot - "location, location, location" and it is hard to find a better location than Vale do Lobo.

When Mr Helmer and his wife first came to the Algarve in 1999 it was not with the intention of becoming buyers and sellers of properties in the region, however a series of circumstances saw them taking the plunge and buying their first plot in the resort, the first step in a process which would see the couple becoming both buyers and sellers as the years progressed.

While the sun shines for some 300 days a year in the Algarve, during the first trip for the Helmer's the weather was not so kind. "We came on a visit here in the Octo-

**A Equipa Oficial do Departamento de Imobiliária de Vale do Lobo assegura tranquilidade absoluta no processo de compra e venda de propriedades para todos os intervenientes.**

Para o proprietário de Vale do Lobo, Paul Helmer, há três factores que qualquer potencial comprador deve ter em conta quando procura uma propriedade ou lote para construção – "localização, localização e localização" e é extremamente difícil, senão impossível, encontrar melhor opção do que em Vale do Lobo.

Quando Paul Helmer e a sua esposa vieram inicialmente para o Algarve, em 1999, não tinham qualquer intenção de comprar uma propriedade nesta região. Todavia, uma sequência de circunstâncias levá-los-ia a tomar a decisão de adquirir o seu primeiro lote de terreno no *resort*, o que viria a ser apenas o início de um processo que conduziu o casal à compra e venda de imóveis nos anos seguintes.

ber of 1999 with the intention of playing golf but the weather was so awful we ended up renting a car and then travelling around the coast finding different areas.

We stumbled upon the resort one afternoon and after enjoying drinks on the terrace at Spikes we knew that this was the place that we would want to retire to."

What began as a drive around the region turned into a meeting with the sales team within the resort and within three months the Helmer's had purchased their first plot in Vale do Lobo.

The stunning views, golf courses and proximity to the beach were all draws for the Helmer's but it was the wider health and security provisions within the self-contained resort that were particularly attractive to the couple, who also enjoy the family feeling and atmosphere within Vale do Lobo.

"When we decided to buy we spent time looking at many other areas of the Algarve but for us it was always going to be Vale do Lobo."

After working with architects and builders to design and construct their beautiful property in Vale do Lobo the opportunity arose to purchase a second plot for investment purposes.

"We bought a second plot in 2010 in the same area and then gave ourselves time to consider how we would move forward, as we weren't sure if we wanted to build a new home for ourselves or as an investment.

Then one evening I sat with my son in the plot and we put down some ideas of how the house could be built and the process began again of building a property in Vale do Lobo."

The second property built by the Helmer's was completed in 2014 and after much consideration the couple decided to then sell it through the Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate team.

"We were pleased to sell the property through the Vale do Lobo Real Estate team, as they are experienced and well qualified, with a strong connection to the resort and know how to work with buyers and sellers.

Muito embora o Algarve seja conhecido pelos seus 300 dias de sol no ano, durante a primeira visita do casal Helmer à região as condições climáticas não foram, de todo, as mais agradáveis. "Viemos ao Algarve durante o mês de Outubro de 1999 com o propósito de jogar golfe mas o tempo estava tão mau que optámos por alugar um carro e percorrer a região à descoberta de novos locais junto à costa.

Numa dessas tardes, encontramos um *resort* e, depois de desfrutar de uma bebida no terraço do Spikes, não restavam dúvidas que era este o local onde nos pretendíamos reformar."

O que começou por ser um passeio de carro pela região acabou por resultar numa reunião com a equipa de vendas do *resort* e, nos meses seguintes, os Helmer adquiriram o seu primeiro lote de terreno em Vale do Lobo.

As vistas deslumbrantes, os campos de golfe e a proximidade com a praia tiveram um papel preponderante na sua escolha mas foram, essencialmente, as condições de saúde e segurança integradas no *resort* que constituíram os principais atractivos para o casal.

Depois de colaborar com a equipa de arquitectura e construção de Vale do Lobo, surgiu então a oportunidade de adquirir um segundo lote como investimento.

"Comprámos o segundo lote em 2010 na mesma área e levámos algum tempo a decidir o que faríamos, uma vez que não tínhamos a certeza se queríamos construir uma nova casa para nós ou para investimento.

Uma noite sentei-me com o meu filho no lote e trocámos algumas ideias de como a moradia poderia ser construída e assim recomeçámos o processo de construção de uma propriedade em Vale do Lobo."

A segunda propriedade construída pelo casal Helmer foi concluída no ano de 2014 e, depois de ponderarem bastante, optaram por vendê-la através da Equipa Oficial do Departamento de Imobiliária de Vale do Lobo.

"Ficámos muito satisfeitos com a venda da propriedade pela equipa de Imobiliária de Vale do Lobo, fruto da sua experiência, profissionalismo e profundo conheci-

"We were very happy with the house that we built but decided it would be an investment property and have now sold it on for new owners to enjoy."

The Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate team were able to match a buyer with the new contemporary property and helped all the way through to completion, with both parties noting how smooth the entire process was with the team.

Purchasing a property abroad can often seem a daunting prospect, but with the help of the real estate team, both buyers and sellers are able to experience a seamless transition from dream to reality. Thanks to the team being dedicated solely to properties within Vale do Lobo, they are able to offer a unique and unrivalled service to those buying and selling in the resort and are on hand every step of the way.

mento do resort.

"Apesar de felizes com a casa que construíamos, decidimos que seria para investimento, pelo que já a vendemos."

A Equipa Oficial do Departamento de Imobiliária de Vale do Lobo conseguiu apresentar um comprador interessado numa moradia de design contemporâneo, ajudando e apoiando ambas as partes (vendedor e comprador) até à concretização do negócio, assegurando-lhes tranquilidade absoluta em todo o processo.

O facto da Equipa Oficial do Departamento de Imobiliária se dedicar exclusivamente a propriedades em Vale do Lobo, confere-lhes uma inigualável vantagem para quem procura comprar ou vender um imóvel no *resort*, com apoio personalizado, em todas as fases do processo.





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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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**They say that giving is not about just making a donation, it is about making a difference and the Wolf Valley Charity Fund has been doing both for the local community since 1999.**

The Wolf Valley Charity Fund (WVCF) was founded by residents and friends of Vale do Lobo and works to raise money to help to provide essential support and financial aid to charities and institutions in the local area.

Vale do Lobo is proud to support the fund and to provide sponsorship of events that help to finance local initiatives and individual care givers.

Recently the WVCF has been able to help institutions such as ASCA (Social and Cultural Association of Almancil), UNIR (Algarve Mental Health Association), CCVS (Community Centre of Vale Silves) and ASMAL (Algarve Mental Health Association) while also maintaining monthly contributions to help with food donations to 60 local families.

**Ser solidário é mais do que fazer um simples donativo. A verdadeira dádiva é fazer acontecer, e desde 1999 que a Associação Wolf Valley Charity Fund tem conseguido ambas junto da comunidade local.**

A Associação Wolf Valley Charity Fund (WVCF) foi fundada por um grupo de residentes e proprietários de Vale do Lobo que angariam fundos para apoiar e financiar diversas instituições e causas sociais locais.

Vale do Lobo dá todo o seu apoio à WVCF na organização dos eventos e iniciativas de caridade, que permitem dar uma nova esperança aos mais necessitados.

Recentemente, foi possível à WVCF contribuir para melhorar a qualidade de vida de muitos habitantes e instituições do concelho de Loulé incluindo a ASCA (Associação Social e Cultural de Almancil), a UNIR (Associação Saúde Mental para Adultos), o Centro Comunitário Vale Silves e a ASMAL (Associação Saúde Mental para Jovens), além de apoiar, em conjunto com o Banco Alimentar, cerca de 60 famílias.

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To help with fund raising for the WVCF or make a donation, please visit: [www.wolfvalleycharity.com](http://www.wolfvalleycharity.com) or email: [help@wolfvalleycharity.com](mailto:help@wolfvalleycharity.com)

Para colaborar com a WVCF ou efectuar um donativo, consulte: [www.wolfvalleycharity.com](http://www.wolfvalleycharity.com) ou contacte por email: [help@wolfvalleycharity.com](mailto:help@wolfvalleycharity.com)

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# A VOICE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

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**The Property Owners Association (POA) is the organisation representing Vale do Lobo property owners working closely with the Vale do Lobo management on issues of joint concern while also representing its members before public and private entities.**

The POA acts as a voice for property owners, while also developing social, cultural and sporting activities for its members, families and guests. Events are held throughout the year and are the ideal way to learn more about the resort while meeting the community.

The committee meet quarterly to represent the collective members interests through regular open dialogue with Vale do Lobo and Infralobo and act as a conduit to raise ideas, concerns and offer opinions and recommendations.

The Cocktail Party, normally held on the first Friday of the month in Spikes, is an excellent opportunity to meet the committee, other owners and members of the Vale do Lobo management.

An annual general meeting is held in October each year and offers the opportunity for members to raise joint or individual concerns and to find out the latest news from Vale do Lobo and Infralobo on current and forthcoming projects.

**A Associação de Proprietários (ADP) é uma organização eleita pelos Membros do Clube de Proprietários para fazer a mediação com a Administração de Vale do Lobo em questões de interesse comum e para representar os seus membros perante entidades públicas e privadas.**

A ADP actua como uma voz para os proprietários, e desenvolve diversas actividades sociais, culturais e desportivas para os seus membros, famílias e convidados. Os eventos são realizados durante todo o ano sendo a forma ideal para aprender mais sobre o resort partilhando o ambiente exclusivo da sua própria comunidade.

Com reuniões trimestrais, o Comité expõe os interesses colectivos dos membros através de um regular diálogo com Vale do Lobo e a Infralobo para apresentar ideias ou preocupações comuns, sugestões e recomendações.

O cocktail mensal constitui uma excelente oportunidade não só de convívio entre a comunidade do resort como para conhecer os membros do comité, outros proprietários e a equipa de gestão de Vale do Lobo.

A reunião geral anual ADP é realizada em Outubro permitindo aos membros trocar impressões conjuntas e individuais sobre o resort, inteirando-se das últimas novidades, novos projectos e planos em curso por parte de Vale do Lobo ou da Infralobo.



Vale do Lobo

Property Owners Association  
Associação de Proprietários

Find out more about the POA by visiting the website [www.poavdl.com](http://www.poavdl.com)  
or contact the committee directly on email [office@poavdl.com](mailto:office@poavdl.com).

Para descobrir mais sobre a ADP, consulte o website [www.poavdl.pt](http://www.poavdl.pt) ou  
contacte directamente o comité através do e-mail [office@poavdl.com](mailto:office@poavdl.com).

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# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VALE DO LOBO?

Vale do Lobo is a self-contained luxury beach and golf resort offering endless first class facilities and services within a unique location. The resort is one of the most prestigious and consolidated developments in Europe.



When did it all START?  
**55 YEARS OF EXISTENCE**

Founded in 1962, Vale do Lobo was the first development in the Algarve and is today the largest luxury resort of its kind in Portugal operated by the same company.

**2KM GOLDEN BEACH**

Is it **SAFE?**

Portugal is the 5<sup>th</sup> safest country in the world!  
*(source: Global Peace Index)*

In Vale do Lobo, security and medical assistance (there is a Medical Centre in the resort) is available 24 hours a day. There is also a Wellness Centre with Spa and Fitness Centre.

**GOLF COURSE HISTORY**

The original Vale do Lobo Yellow and Orange golf courses opened in 1968, followed by the Green in 1972. They were originally designed by Sir Henry Cotton, being adapted by Rocky Roquemore. There are now circa 40 courses in the Algarve.

**TENNIS ACADEMY**  
 14 tennis courts  
 2 paddle courts

**15 RESTAURANTS AND BARS**

**TWO 18 HOLE GOLF COURSES**

**PROPERTY**  
 1,500 residential and holiday properties already built and sold.

**250 EMPLOYEES**

Who OWNS A PROPERTY in the resort?  
**OWNER PROFILE**

Around 10% of property owners are permanent residents (150 families) helping to create the strong community feeling in the resort and supporting the continuous activities and events.

Country	Percentage
United Kingdom	~30%
Others	~15%
Netherlands	~10%
Ireland	~10%
Germany	~10%
Portugal	~10%

How big is the resort?  
**RESORT SIZE**

The resort spans a total area of 450 hectares.

**FUTURE**

Plans are in place for the development of 600 more units and a 5 star hotel.

It is easily ACCESSIBLE?

## HOW TO FIND US

Vale do Lobo is easy to access from the rest of the world thanks to it being only 15 minutes from Faro International Airport and only a couple of hours drive from Lisbon, however it remains a peaceful and idyllic destination, located within an area of outstanding natural beauty along the Algarve coast.

The countries with more direct routes between the Algarve are from the United Kingdom (+45%), followed by Germany (23%), the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland.

Faro processes 40 000 flights annually and most of the air traffic occurs between March and October. During July and August, Faro airport averages close to 200 daily flights and serves more than 25 000 passengers a day.



## How is the TEMPERATURE?

Vale do Lobo has a warm and mild climate with more than 300 days of sunshine. Temperatures fluctuating between 29 °C and 19°C in the summer and between 21°C and 9°C in the winter.



## ALGARVE within Portugal



Portugal Population: 10,7 million

There are about 450,000 permanent inhabitants (90 residents per square kilometre) in the Algarve, although this figure increases to over a million people at the height of summer, due to an influx of tourists.

# AREAS OF BUSINESS

## TOURISM

### RENTALS



Choose from a wide range of accommodation options for the perfect Vale do Lobo holiday, from exclusive luxury villas to family friendly apartments.

### 24 HOUR RECEPTION

Help and assistance 24 hours a day for everyone. The Vale do Lobo reception helps with all needs, from arranging transport to organising babysitting services.



### HOLIDAY PACKAGES

Combine a holiday in Vale do Lobo with golf, tennis, spa treatments or special promotions with one of the resort holiday packages.



### CORPORATE EVENTS



The Vale do Lobo Auditorium offers a dynamic and modern space for corporate events including meetings and conferences.

## GOLF

### GOLF CLUB



The Vale do Lobo Golf Club is one of the most active in Portugal, with competitions being held on the resort courses every single day. Open days, club competitions, tournaments and events help to build the strong community spirit within the club.

### OCEAN GOLF COURSE 18 Holes · Par 73 · 6,137m



### ROYAL GOLF COURSE 18 Holes · Par 72 · 6,059m



## LEISURE

### THE PRAÇA

Relax by the swimming pool or on the beach before enjoying the restaurants, bars, shops and entertainment in the beach front complex throughout the year.



### EVENTS

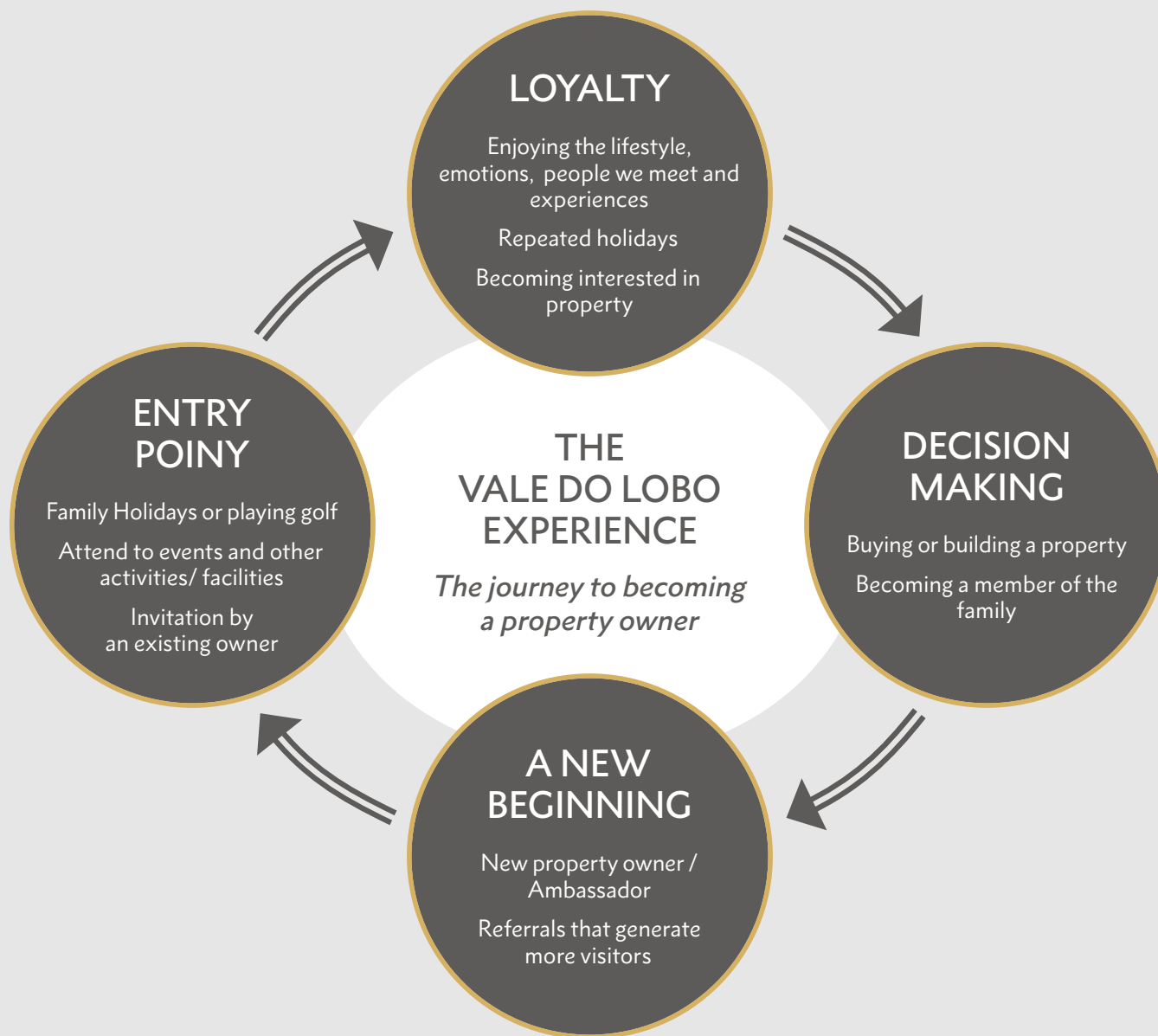
Year round events including live musical performances, art exhibitions, children's entertainment, concerts, charity events and cultural activities.



### WELLNESS

A state of the art gym, calming wellness centre, health and beauty treatments, medical centre and dental clinic for total wellness.





## REAL ESTATE

**PLOTS AND TURNKEYS**  
with golf and sea views

Build your own dream home in the resort. Options include building projects and large detached villas in unique locations.

**A SELECTION OF PROPERTIES**  
Apartments and villas

There is a wide choice of property within the resort from the Official Real Estate Team either for a permanent or holiday home.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

A full property management service for owners and an exclusive guaranteed investment return package on selected properties.

**OCEANO CLUBE**  
An exclusive beachfront location with plots for custom-built villas or turnkey projects.

Plot sizes from 650m<sup>2</sup> to 4,500m<sup>2</sup>  
Plot prices from €1.300.000  
Turnkeys (*plot+villa*) from €2.500.000

**VALE REAL**  
Prime real estate in a golf front location with detached plots for custom-built villas or turnkey projects.

Plot sizes from 840m<sup>2</sup> to 1,600m<sup>2</sup>  
Plot prices from €1.150.000  
Turnkeys (*plot+villa*) from €2.950.000



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# WE ARE VALE DO LOBO

TAILOR MADE SERVICES FROM DEDICATED TEAMS  
FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND GUESTS

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**Vale do Lobo is proud to have been providing an exceptional service to Property Owners and guests for almost 55 years, but it is the people behind Vale do Lobo who remain key in maintaining and raising the standards of the resort, both now and into the future.**

The first step to staying forever in Vale do Lobo begins with a visit to the resort, it is from here that guests are able to then journey forward and find their dream home.

A visit to the Golf Club (2) for a game of golf on the Royal or Ocean courses or the Wellness Centre (5) for relaxing treatments and therapies, offers an opportunity for guests to initially discover Vale do Lobo and leads to many then choosing to return for a longer break.

There are fantastic holiday options available for the entire family in Vale do Lobo, complimented by the 24 hour reception service (1) for friends, family and guests and exclusive benefits and privileges on the wide range of services throughout the resort.

The safe and secure environment within the resort

**Vale do Lobo é reconhecido como um destino de eleição para proprietários e visitantes, destacando-se pelo excepcional serviço e dedicação. Este mérito é sem dúvida das equipas de cada área do resort, que asseguram a excelência dos mais diversos serviços.**

O primeiro passo para ficar para sempre em Vale do Lobo começa com uma simples visita ao resort, permitindo aos clientes conseguir tranquilamente encontrar a sua casa de sonho graças à dedicação e empenho de todos os departamentos da empresa.

A inspiração e motivação para permanecer por mais tempo em Vale do Lobo surge muito naturalmente através de uma visita ao Clube de Golfe para jogar nos campos Royal e Ocean (2), ou ao Wellness Centre (5) para uma relaxante massagem.

Vale do Lobo é um destino de férias de eleição, caracterizado pela ampla oferta de alojamento, infraestruturas e serviços para toda a família, amigos e convidados, complementadas pela assistência permanente da Recepção do Resort (1) ao longo de todo o ano.

A Equipa de Segurança de Vale do Lobo (7) garante



  
**VALE DO LOBO**  
ALGARVE





is maintained by the professional security team 24 hours a day (7), while property owners have access to a central alarm system and are able to create bespoke security solutions for ultimate peace of mind.

Once the decision has been made to purchase a property within the resort, the Official Real Estate Team are able to guide buyers and sellers throughout the entire process; from finding the perfect home, to handing over the keys and welcoming owners into the community.

While there are many villas and apartments to choose from within the resort, those looking to build their dream home can call on the professionals within the construction team (8) or can instead choose remodeling and renovation services to transform existing properties.

um ambiente seguro e tranquilo em todo o *resort*, 24 horas por dia, 365 dias do ano, proporcionando distintas soluções em função das necessidades de cada proprietário para seu total conforto e comodidade.

Após tomar a decisão de adquirir uma propriedade no *resort*, a Equipa Oficial de Imobiliária (2) providencia todo o apoio necessário no processo de compra e venda de um imóvel, desde encontrar a sua casa ideal à entrega das chaves, passando pelas boas-vindas aos novos membros da comunidade.

Muito embora existam distintas opções imobiliárias disponíveis no *resort*, para quem pretende construir uma moradia à medida, a equipa de arquitectura, design, engenharia e gestão de projecto de Vale do Lobo (8) está à inteira disposição para analisar, desenvolver e concretizar tudo o que idealiza, desde o

Everything property owners need, from complete management services including rental opportunities, to professional property maintenance, is available from the Proprietors Club (6).

With a dedicated reception and exclusive Club of Clubs Members lounge, the Proprietors Club offers an exceptional level of service and a comprehensive range of management services (3/4), as well as access to exclusive discounts and privileges throughout the resort.

Drawing all elements together and working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of every element within the resort are the Finance, IT, Legal and Human Resources teams (9).

These departments are at the very core of Vale do Lobo and the professionalism and dedication of all of the members allows Vale do Lobo to maintain and improve standards throughout the resort constantly for all property owners guests and visitors.

conceito inicial à sua concretização.

Quer se trate da gestão ou manutenção do imóvel, arrendamento da propriedade ou outro tipo de serviço adicional, a equipa do Clube de Proprietários (6) garante total comodidade para os seus membros.

Com uma recepção específica contígua ao espaço do Club of Clubs, o Clube de Proprietários de Vale do Lobo tem disponíveis vários serviços de administração de propriedades (3/4) para total comodidade dos membros, proporcionando-lhes ainda inúmeros privilégios e descontos nas várias infraestruturas do *resort*.

Paralelamente, para que tudo no *resort* seja devidamente coordenado e com a máxima atenção ao pormenor, a equipa de gestão integra ainda outras direcções como os Departamentos Financeiro, de Tecnologias de Informação, Jurídico e de Recursos Humanos (10). Estas áreas, embora não sejam tão visíveis na operação da empresa, permitem que Vale do Lobo permaneça na vanguarda da qualidade e prestígio para proprietários e visitantes do *resort*.





# *We are Vale do Lobo*

Discover all that Vale do Lobo has to offer, with bespoke services available throughout the resort to meet all of your needs.

Descubra tudo o que Vale do Lobo tem a oferecer com um atendimento personalizado.

## **Real Estate Department | Vendas Imobiliárias**

Tel.: +351 289 353 101 · E-mail: realestate@vdl.pt

## **Proprietors' Club | Clube de Proprietários**

Security Department | Departamento de Segurança  
Construction Department | Departamento de Construção  
Tel.: +351 289 353 314/5/6 · E-mail: club@vdl.pt

## **Golf Club | Clube de Golfe**

Tel.: +351 289 353 465 · E-mail: golf@vdl.pt

## **Wellness Centre (Royal Spa & Fitness Centre)**

Tel.: +351 289 353 480 · E-mail: royalspa@vdl.pt  
Tel.: +351 289 353 468 · E-mail: fitness@vdl.pt

## **Rentals | Arrendamentos**

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# RESORT GUIDE

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## **Amore Restaurant & Deck Bar**

**Praça** · 289 353 426

Pizza, pasta and modern Italian dishes in the restaurant and cocktails at the Deck Bar.

## **Art Gallery**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 327

A bright gallery featuring regular exhibitions including those in conjunction with galleria São Mamede.

## **Avis Budget Rent-a-Car**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 401

Offering a host of car rental services directly from within the resort.

## **Bank (Montepio)**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 352 600

For all your essential banking services along with currency exchange, transfers and ATM.

## **Boutique by Rory**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 410

Eclectic selection of creative looks from around the world for men and women.

## **Breeze Restaurant**

**Praça** · 289 353 357

Overlooking the beach and serving modern dishes in a contemporary restaurant while offering poolside refreshments.

## **Cantina del Lobo Cocina Mexicana**

**Praça** · 289 353 431

Modern and vibrant Mexican cuisine with large terrace and indoor restaurant area including a margarita bar.

## **Circuit bus**

**Resort Reception** · 289 353 322

Complimentary access to all areas of the resort.

## **Dona Filipa Hotel**

**Praça** · 289 357 200

A five star hotel located next to the beachfront Praça complex.

## **Dunas Vale do Lobo**

**Praça** · 289 353 409

Resort wear for men, women and children, including footwear, swimwear and gifts.

## **Elliot Co-ownership**

**Praça** · 289 353 414

Co-ownership of villas and apartments.

## **Exclusive Vacation Club**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 333

"Value for money" points system offering a holiday experience with price reductions and benefits.

## **Fitness Centre**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 468

Complete fitness solutions in a state of the art gym.

## **Gant & Henry Cotton's**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 442

Designer clothing for men and women.

## **Gecko Nightclub**

**Praça** · 289 353 419

Lively nightclub, open until late during the summer.

## **iActivities Office**

**Parque do Golfe**

968 112 073 (Whatsapp & Viber)

Tickets, tours and attractions across the Algarve with bespoke packages available.

## **Infralobo**

289 352 430

Company responsible for the public services within the resort.

## **Interior Design by Maria Raposo**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 407

Resort showroom offering soft furnishings, interior design and decoration items, services and advice.

## **Kangaroo Club & Mini Golf**

**Praça** · 289 357 200

Children's holiday club including a swimming pool and bouncy castles and a mini golf course for all the family.

## **Ken Lo's Memories of China Restaurant**

**Vale do Ténis** · 289 353 432

A refined and relaxing restaurant offering a diverse selection of Chinese dishes to suit every palate.

## **La Crêperie Café**

**Praça** · 289 353 429

Ice creams, sundaes, pancakes, crepes and waffles served throughout the day on the sunny terrace.

## **La Terrazza Restaurant**

**Praça** · 289 353 435

Authentic Italian cuisine served inside the rustic restaurant or on the large open air terrace.

## **Monty's Restaurant & Bar**

**Praça** · 289 353 436

International menu served inside and out on the large terrace and staging live entertainment and music.

## **Nevada Bob's (Golf Shop)**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 411

International brand bringing top golf equipment and clothing to the resorts golfers.

## **Paper & Co (newsagent)**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 408

**Praça** · 289 353 427

International newspapers and magazines, greetings cards, beach essentials, ice creams and confectionary.

## **Pingo Doce Supermarket**

**Resort entrance** · 289 385 070

Supermarket stocking a wide choice of national and international products with home delivery service available.

## **Platinum Auto Valet**

**By Vale do Lobo Security** · 969 277 601

Comprehensive valet service including hand polishing and waxing, upholstery cleaning with a collection and delivery service.

## **Praça Swimming Pool**

**Praça** · 289 353 422

Beautiful beachfront swimming pools for adults and children with poolside service, regular fitness classes and massage options.



Present your Vale do Lobo card for free access and/or exclusive discounts at selected establishments and facilities.

**Proprietors' Club**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 314/5/6

Offers a comprehensive range of property management services with an exceptional level of service.

**Property Owners Association (POA)**

office@poavdl.com

Association for Vale do Lobo Property Owners.

**Real Estate Office**

**Praça** · 289 353 101

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 104

The Official Vale do Lobo Real Estate team are experts in buying and selling within the resort.

**Rentals**

**Resort Reception** · 289 353 333

Vale do Lobo offers a fantastic choice of holiday options with many special packages and promotions.

**Resort Reception**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 322

Round the clock assistance and available to arrange airport transfers, dinner reservations and much more.

**Royal Spa**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 480

Offering a number of soothing treatments, therapies and massages in a haven of relaxation complete with an indoor swimming pool.

**Sandbanks Fish and Seafood Restaurant**

**Praça** · 289 353 424

Open for light breakfasts, lazy lunches and romantic dinners by the sea with fish and seafood dishes.

**Soares Wine & Gourmet**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 428

A wide selection of wines, champagnes, spirits and gourmet nibbles from this leading Portuguese chain.

**Spikes Restaurant & Clubhouse**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 406

Open daily for breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner with health conscious menu choices and views over the putting green.

**Teahouse Oriental Restaurant**

**Praça** · 289 353 438

An eclectic menu of Asian fusion cuisine with influences from Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Vietnam.

**Tennis Academy**

**Vale do Ténis** · 289 353 431

One of the largest tennis facilities in Portugal with 10 hard courts, 4 synthetic grass courts, mini tennis and 2 paddle tennis courts.

**The Beach Bar**

**Praça** · 289 356 374

Open air bar open throughout the day for food and drinks and featuring live summer music sessions.

**The Lounge**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 406

Stylish al fresco bar with more than 100 different cocktails to choose from and special summer parties.

**Vale do Lobo Auditorium**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 333

A highly versatile venue suitable for events, conferences and corporate training programmes.

**Vale do Lobo Golf Club**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 465

A warm and welcoming environment for members and visitors to the Royal and Ocean golf courses.

**Vale do Lobo Medical Centre**

**Resort Entrance** · 289 353 433

Comprehensive, convenient and personal medical care and Dental Clinic for the entire family.

**Victor Picardo Hairstyling Group**

**Parque do Golfe** · 289 353 439

A cutting edge salon combined with a sophisticated nail studio for year round glamour.

**P MAIN ENTRANCE**

- Medical Centre & Dental Clinic
- Supermarket
- Elliot Co-Ownership

**P ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

- Vale do Lobo Administration
- Infralobo E.M.
- Federação Portuguesa de Golfe
- Laundry Services
- Football Pitch

**P PARQUE DO GOLFE**

- Auditorium
- Budget-Avis - Car Rental
- Golf Academy
- Golf Club
- Montepio - Bank/Cash Point
- Proprietors' Club/Club of Clubs
- Real Estate Office
- Resort Reception/Cash Point
- Restaurants
- Spikes
- Spikes Brasserie
- Bars
- The Lounge
- Wellness Centre
- Royal Spa
- Fitness Centre

**SHOPPING**

- Art Gallery
- Boutique by Rory
- Gant & Henry Cotton's
- Hairdresser by Victor Picardo & Nail Bar
- iActivities Office
- Infinity Sport Store
- Interior Design by Alquatro & Maria Raposo
- Nevada Bob's Golf
- Paper & Co. Newsagent
- Soares Wine & Gourmet

**P Vale do Lobo Security Offices**

**P PRAÇA**

- Restaurants
- Amore Pizza Pasta
- Breeze Papagaio
- Cantina del Lobo
- La Terrazza
- La Crêperie
- Monty's
- Sandbanks Fish & Seafood
- Teahouse Oriental
- Bars
- Breeze Champagne
- Breeze Poolside
- Monty's Live Music
- Sandbanks Beach
- Clubs
- Gecko
- Dunas Vale do Lobo
- Paper & Co. Newsagent

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- Beach
- Cash Point
- Kangaroo Children's V.I.
- Real Estate Office
- Swimming Pool

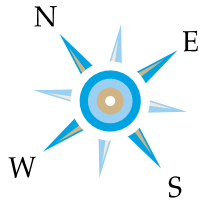


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| <b>P</b> | <b>VALE DO TÊNIS</b>         | <b>P</b> | <b>HALFWAY HOUSE</b> |
|          | Restaurants                  |          | Restaurants          |
|          | - Tennis Café                |          | - Café Royal         |
|          | - Ken Lo's Memories of China |          |                      |
|          | Tennis Academy               |          |                      |
|          | Children's Playground        |          |                      |
|          | Key reference points         | <b>P</b> | Car park             |
|          | Circuit Bus stop             |          | Royal Golf Course    |
|          | Circuit Bus route            |          | Ocean Golf Course    |
|          | Resort limits                |          | One way road         |

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 8° 3'51.07"W

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