

## A SUSTAINABLE & CENTENARY PROJECT



“The Oitavos” hotel project began in late XIX, when Carlos Montez Champalimaud, Portuguese of French origin, fell in love and bought the land located in the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park, now an UNESCO World Heritage. He named it “Quinta da Marinha” and over the last century, the family has been committed to developing a sustainable project with the purpose of reducing its ecological footprint.

In the 1920’s, Carlos Montez Champalimaud began his plan to create a luxury residential and tourism area on the Atlantic coast of Portugal, at the foot of the fishing village of Cascais. His main goal was to take care and protect the natural dunes of Guincho beach. As an integral part of his project, he repopulated the entire area with an extensive umbrella pine forest and built roads and water wells to supply its inhabitants. The three generations that succeeded him continued to work on developing the land in a sustainable way to maintain and preserve the ecosystem that surrounds the property.

In 2001, Champalimaud family inaugurated Oitavos Dunes Golf Course, ranked 55<sup>th</sup> best in the world by Golf Magazine, holder of an **Audubon Signature Sanctuary** sustainability certificate, for the protection of the natural resources and commitment to sustainable development and environmental stewardship, and in 2010 opened **The Oitavos** hotel , an exclusive eco green five-star hotel.



- 🌿 **The Oitavos** is surrounded and embraced by wild and totally untouchable nature, with no need to use water other than that resulting from weather conditions;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** is one the Portuguese hotels with a lower construction rate compared to the available resort area, which allows keeping the surrounding raw nature intact;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** was designed to be a sustainable building as it is almost entirely made of glass and steel, which allows outside light to illuminate the interior of the hotel until sun setting, avoiding unnecessary energy consumption;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** has two heated and saltwater swimming pools (indoor & outdoor), drawn directly from the Atlantic, which has a water heating system using energy generated by the air conditioning in the rooms and common areas. This system, in addition to heating the water and providing a differentiating and pleasant experience for its guests, also represents an energy saving of 70%;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** has banned non-reusable plastic. The hotel does not have plastic water bottles or straws and none of the room amenities (slippers, bathrobe or teeth cup) is packed in plastic. The laundry bag is also made of cloth;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** has, since 2020, 392 photovoltaic panels installed on top of the hotel which, together with the 803 panels unit installed at the same time in the Health & Racket Club, allow energy savings of 569.091 kWh, close to 20% of the Resort current needs;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** catering consists only in seasonal, local, sustainable and non-industrial products, privileging, above all, their natural quality and the local economy;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** takes its social responsibilities seriously. It has a long-standing partnership with “Re-food”, an independent, citizen driven, 100% volunteer, eco-humanitarian community charity, working to eliminate food waste and hunger on a neighborhood basis;
- 🌿 **The Oitavos** has several charging stations for electric vehicles at the car park.

Ten years after the inauguration of the hotel, Champalimaud family continues its design to have a positive impact on the planet and reduce the CO<sup>2</sup> footprint, investing in innovative techniques that allow combat waste and achieve high levels of energy savings.

