

# MEININGER Hotels

## Modern Slavery Statement

Financial Year 2021

This statement sets out MEININGER Hotels' actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and its supply chains. This statement relates to actions and activities during the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

MEININGER Hotels is held by Holidaybreak Limited. Holidaybreak is a non-operational entity and hence forms part of the statement.

As part of the travel industry, we recognize that we have the responsibility to take a robust approach to slavery and human trafficking and to have processes in place to prevent or mitigate human rights issues and to ensuring that its supply chains are free from slavery and human trafficking.



# Organisational Structure

- MEININGER Hotels Limited is held by Holidaybreak Limited based in UK. MEININGER has 29 hotels in 19 European cities and offers the ideal accommodation for city breaks, business trips, journeys around the world, family holidays or school class trips.
- MEININGER is an international hybrid hotel chain provider of accommodations with a combination of regular and multi bedded rooms, guest kitchens and game zones.
- MEININGER's headquarter is based in Berlin and is a service provider for its hotels across Europe. It supports all administrative processes such as Reservations, Sales, Marketing, Revenue Management, Procurement, Development, In-house Design, Project & Refurbishment, Facility Management, IT, Finance & Controlling, Human Resources Management and Legal & Compliance. This centralised head office structure enables MEININGER operations team to focus on guest service and ensures cost-efficient operations.

# Countries of operations and supply chains

- MEININGER Hotels currently have 29 hotels in Europe in the following countries (cities): The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Belgium (Brussels), Denmark (Copenhagen), Germany (Heidelberg, Frankfurt am Main, Hamburg, Berlin, Munich, Leipzig), Austria (Salzburg, Vienna), Italy (Milan, Rome), France (Paris, Lyon, Bordeaux), Hungary (Budapest) and Switzerland (Zurich, Geneva).
- As you would expect in the hospitality sector, our suppliers fall into two broad groups – hotel suppliers and support suppliers. Hotel suppliers cover all goods and services used in the running of a hotel from food and beverages, linen and cleaning supplies to fixtures, fittings, equipment and maintenance services. Our support suppliers provide items such as office supplies, IT support and systems, professional and consultancy services.
- We also work with employment agencies who supply a limited number of people to work in our support office and hotels.
- Procurement for suppliers is managed at a central head office level. We pick our suppliers carefully through tender process where necessary and where appropriate carry out due diligence on these parties and endeavour to contractually require them to comply with applicable laws.

# Anti-slavery initiatives and policies

- MEININGER's Code of Conduct sets out binding rules that are to be followed by every employee as well as consultants who are employed by any entity in the MEININGER Group. The code includes provisions to never engage in any activities that promote or encourage Bribery, slavery or human trafficking or any other misbehaviour endangering company reputation.
- We expect our contractors, suppliers and other business partners to have equivalent policies in place and the same high standards of operations, ethics and processes to avoid any risks of slavery and human trafficking. The suppliers are engaged by the procurement department in line with the Procurement Policy.
- We encourage all our employees, guests and other business partners to report any concerns related to incidents of human trafficking.
- We encourage open door communication and feedback about any concerns our employees may have and provide necessary channels to raise them. We have an independent third party company whistleblowing system in place where our employees can raise their concerns anonymously in several different languages, without fear of retaliation.
- We hire employees in line with our recruitment and internal applications policy. Furthermore, we implement 'right-to-work' checks on colleagues where necessary, undertake checks on shift-patterns and the hours worked by our colleagues and understand the importance of focusing on having a culture of engaging in all activities with respect and fair treatment of others.

# Due diligence

- When taking on new suppliers in areas which we consider to be higher risk, procurement function undertakes supplier due diligence to reduce the risk of slavery and human trafficking.
- We include contractual clauses in all our higher risk supplier agreements and also in our standard template supply agreements in relation to the monitoring and tackling of slavery and human trafficking issues and compliance with legislation.

## Risk assessment and management

- A Risk assessment was undertaken within the business where slavery and human trafficking may exist. A risk rating was assigned based on the assessment of level of risks identified.
- MEININGER has a Compliance Officer to whom any concerns / issues can be raised and reported in addition to independent whistleblowing platform.
- The Modern slavery statement is reviewed and prepared on annual basis, placed to the Board and then published on the website.

# Key Performance Indicators

- We would expect that any incident of modern slavery would be a breach of our company policies, contractual terms and/or law.
- We remain committed to ongoing human rights due diligence. We continue to focus on the assessment of our supply chain and high risk areas as well as on ensuring that we do not have any modern slavery in our own business.
- We plan to enhance our training programme across the business to educate employees on modern slavery and risks associated with that.

## Training

An anti-slavery and human trafficking training presentation was provided to the senior management by means of a workshop. This was circulated further to relevant MEININGER Hotels' staff to enhance their understand and mitigate any slavery and human trafficking risks.



# COVID-19 measures

Health and Safety risks concerns related to workplace conditions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly health and safety, continue to be addressed by enhanced measures and processes being put in place as hotel operations and occupancy return to higher levels. Our hotels are working to best practice COVID-specific training and operating procedures, aligned to regularly monitored advice from global health bodies.

This statement has been approved by Holidaybreak and MEININGER's board of directors, who will review and update it annually.

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