

Advancing the Town's Sustainable Growth and Green Infrastructure

El Gouna Launches Its First Outsourced Desalination Plant with DesalEgypt

- El Gouna Deepens Collaboration with DesalEgypt and SolarizEgypt to Advance Sustainability in the Middle East and Africa's First UN-sponsored Green Town Award Recipient
- EGP 66 Million Desalination Plant Expands Water Production Capacity to 16,500 m³ per Day—Equivalent to More Than Five Olympic-Sized Swimming Pools

Cairo, May 12, 2025: El Gouna by Orascom Development, the stunning coastal town on Egypt's Red Sea, today achieved a significant milestone in its sustainability efforts with the launch of its first outsourced water desalination facility in partnership with DesalEgypt, a leading player in water desalination, and Energya Industries ElSewedy Helal, a leading multidisciplinary industrial group based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In addition, DesalEgypt's sister company, SolarizEgypt, has also entered into a 25-year agreement with Orascom Development to provide discounted electricity to El Gouna through solar panel installations. These water and green energy initiatives demonstrate a holistic approach to supporting El Gouna's sustainable growth, ensuring reliable access to both clean water and renewable energy resources.

Mohamed Amer, CEO of El Gouna by Orascom Development, said, "El Gouna's progress underscores Orascom Development's commitment to responsible, forward-looking development of integrated towns that are prime destinations. Collaborating with trusted partners, such as DesalEgypt for water capacity and SolarizEgypt for solar energy solutions, helps us achieve long-term operational resilience without straining national resources. More than a decade after becoming the first town in Africa and the Middle East to receive the UN-sponsored Green Town Award, El Gouna continues to champion climate-smart innovation."

"Partnering with Orascom Development on this transformative project reflects the kind of forward-thinking collaboration that drives real impact," said **Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, CEO of DesalEgypt.** "It is always refreshing to work with teams who are committed to real growth and development, building a sustainable future together. Both Orascom Development and El Gouna have proved time and time again that they are the visionaries of that future."

The new Reverse Osmosis (RO) desalination plant, launched as part of phase one of a multi-phase project, has an initial capacity of 2,500 cubic meters per day (m³/day); expandable to over 11,500 m³/day, with additional phases to be built in due course; which increases El Gouna's daily water production capacity from 14,000 m³ to 16,500 m³, equivalent to approximately 5.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools. With an investment of EGP 66 million, this initiative enhances El Gouna's service delivery while helping to safeguard its long-term, reliable water supply.

In parallel, building on their established collaboration, El Gouna and SolarizEgypt entered a new phase agreement to expand their joint solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant, with a capacity of 15.8 MW, marking the largest private-sector joint venture of its kind in Egypt.

As El Gouna continues to grow, the town remains committed to integrating environmental responsibility across its operations — supporting both its residents and the surrounding environment. These initiatives align with Orascom Development's ESG efforts and adhere to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in the areas of clean water and affordable clean energy.

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About El Gouna

El Gouna, the fully integrated town by Orascom Development, has been the most prominent destination nestled on the Red Sea on an area of 36.9 million square meters for more than 35 years. The town encompasses 9,200 delivered residential units, 18 hotels with

2,800 rooms, schools offering various international curricula including Swiss and British certifications, an international hospital, start-up workspace facility, four marinas, two world-class golf courses, an Egyptian Premier League football club, a culture & conference center, and an array of services.

Each of El Gouna's hotels is characterized by unique architectural charm. From the Upper Nubian flair of Steigenberger to the Asian-inspired design of The Chedi, which is part of The Leading Hotels of the World portfolio, and Casa Cook's down-to-earth yet stylish aesthetic, there's a hotel for every taste. The interior design across these hotels is sleek and understated, prioritizing maximum comfort. Dining in El Gouna is a culinary delight, with impeccable options featuring flavors from locally sourced ingredients, including supplies from El Gouna's own farm. The town also offers a curated selection of spas, blending oriental and far eastern treatments for a holistic relaxation experience.

With a population of more than 25,000 residents of 50+ nationalities, El Gouna is only 30 minutes from Hurghada International Airport, which is only a four-hour flight from Europe's major capitals.

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About Orascom Development Holding:

Orascom Development Holding is a leading international developer specializing in vibrant, integrated communities in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. For more than 35 years, Orascom Development has been a pioneer in creating destinations where people are inspired to live, work, and play with passion and purpose.

From El Gouna's stunning Egyptian coastal town by the Red Sea to Andermatt Swiss Alps' breath-taking, year-round mountain destination, each master-planned community is a testament to Orascom Development's commitment to place-making at its finest. The integrated towns harmoniously combine residential areas with private villas and apartments, hotels, and award-winning leisure and commercial amenities – including golf courses, marinas, sports facilities, retail shops, and restaurants.

Orascom Development owns a land bank of more than 100 million square meters with approximately 40% under development or developed into thriving communities in Egypt (El Gouna, Makadi Heights, O West, Taba Heights, and Byoum), in the GCC (Jebel Sifah and Hawana Salalah in Oman), and in Europe (Andermatt Swiss Alps in Switzerland, Luštica Bay in Montenegro and West Carclaze Garden Village in the UK). Orascom Development's hospitality portfolio includes 34 premium and luxury hotels with more than 7,000 rooms across Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. ODH shares are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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