Modern Day Slavery Statement

Definition
Modern day slavery is a criminal offence under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “Act”). Modern day slavery can occur in various forms, including servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking, all of which have in common the deprivation of a person’s liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

Introduction
This statement has been published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. It sets out the steps taken by Rocco Forte Hotels during the year ending 30 April 2019 to prevent modern day slavery and human trafficking to ensure it is not occurring in our organisation or supply chain. The Group expects the same policy to be adhered to by all of our contractors, suppliers and other business partners.

Organisational Structure
Rocco Forte Hotels Limited (the ‘Company’) is the parent company of a global luxury hotel group which has over 2,200 employees and operates in a number of countries worldwide. The Group had an annual turnover of £219 million in the year ended 30 April 2019.

Responsibility
The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for ensuring the Company and the wider Group complies with all legal and ethical obligations. The Group HR Director has been appointed to manage this policy on behalf of the Board of Directors and will ensure that any potential breaches of the policy and subsequent resolutions are notified to the Board for approval. Management at all levels in Rocco Forte Hotels are responsible for ensuring that those reporting to them understand and comply with the policy and are given adequate and regular training on combatting modern day slavery in our supply chain.

Supply Chain
The Group purchases products and services from all over the world. The products and services procured are in line with items normally associated with the hospitality industry. Products and services are ideally sourced from local suppliers, all of whom are considered reputable. A vetting process is in place to ensure all our suppliers comply with our standards. As part of this process, all suppliers are required to acknowledge and adhere to the Group’s Supplier Code of Conduct which expresses the Group’s view on combatting modern day slavery. We require all our supplier to ensure their supply chain complies with our Supplier Code of Conduct.

The Group is committed to ensuring that there is transparency in our business and our approach to tackling modern day slavery throughout our supply chain, consistent with the obligations of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
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Commitment

Rocco Forte Hotels recognises that the hospitality industry can play an important role in preventing the exploitation of vulnerable people. As a people-centred business, the Group works to protect the human rights of its team members, contractors and guests. In the financial year ended April 2019, as part of our policies to combat modern day slavery, the Group has undertaken:

• A review of our current policies and processes to ensure they are adequate;
• An annual audit that ensures management and suppliers are aware and have committed to our Supplier Code of Conduct; and
• Modern day slavery training for team members across the Group.

In the forthcoming year we will continue to ensure that our team members are fully trained and our supply chain is adhering to our Supplier Code of Practice. We will do this by:

• Continually monitoring our policies and refreshing our Supplier Code of Conduct if appropriate;
• Ensuring our training materials are specific to our hotels and the regions in which we operate;
• Continual to delivering modern day slavery training as a part of our induction process for all new starters;
• Ensuring all team members continue to receive regular refresher training;
• Training modern day slavery champions in each of our locations;
• The supplier vetting process will continue to be reviewed in each hotel as part of the internal audit process to ensure the Group’s policies are adhered to; and
• Suppliers will continue to be reviewed and approved by management of an appropriate seniority as part of the supplier vetting process.

The Group will immediately investigate any alleged incidents or complaints of slavery and human trafficking reported. In accordance with the legislation, we will publish an updated Modern Day Slavery Statement each financial year in order to show our continued commitment in playing our part in preventing slavery and human trafficking.

Any queries relating to this modern slavery statement should be addressed to Ros Young, Group HR Director. This Modern Day Slavery Statement was approved by the Board of Directors of Rocco Forte Hotels Limited on behalf of the Company and Group on 25 July 2019.

For and on behalf of Rocco Forte Hotels Limited
Maurizio Saccani - August 2019
Operations Director, Rocco Forte Hotels