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**DOMAINE DE LAVAGNAC WINS A
HAT-TRICK OF PROPERTY AWARDS**

Domaine de Lavagnac, the new €500 million luxury golf and spa resort being built in Languedoc in the South of France, has proved it really is the crème de la crème by picking up three top awards at the prestigious Europe & Africa Property Awards 2009 in association with CNBC Arabiya.

Rightly proud of its success, the Frere Group, the British developer behind the project, is delighted to announce it has won awards in the categories of: Best Development over five residences in France; Best Golf Development France and Best Development Website France 2009, for its Domaine de Lavagnac resort which is centred around a 17th century chateau known locally as the Versailles of Languedoc.

The Group will join other winners at a high profile gala dinner at the Marriott Hotel in London's Grosvenor Square on Friday, October 16th where they will be presented with their awards.

The event is part of the International Property Awards, the world's most prestigious competition dedicated to finding the best real estate professionals across the globe. The fact that the Frere Group has won not one but three of these coveted awards is proof that British developers are not only able to compete at this level but also triumph within the highly competitive Europe and Africa property arenas.

Later this year, top scoring winners from the Europe & Africa Property Awards will compete against other winning companies from Asia Pacific, the UK, Americas and Arabia to find the ultimate World's Best in each category.

Entries were judged by a panel of professionals whose collective knowledge of the property industry is second to none and unsurpassed by any other property awards. This



year's judges included Eric Pickles MP, chairman of the Conservative Party, Ben Wood, industry head property markets of Google UK; Peter Bolton King, group chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals; Imtiaz Farookhi, chief executive of the National House Building Council; Christopher Hall, president elect of FIABCI; Wilhelm Harnish, Master Builders of Australia (MBA); Thijis Stoffer, International Consortium of Real Estate Agents Association (ICREA); Helen Shield, editor-in-chief of International Homes Luxury Collection magazine and Gillian Farr, head of design of Laura Ashley Home.

Charles Cox, Chairman of the Frere Group, said of winning the award: "We are delighted that the judges of the Europe & Africa Property Awards 2009 love Domaine de Lavagnac as much as we do! From the moment we first saw the chateau, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, we knew that we could develop something very special there indeed.

"The development also seems to have captured the imaginations of investors and holiday home buyers as well, as we have sold 134 of the 160 properties in the first phase at Domaine de Lavagnac in a matter of months, which is tremendous news in the current economic climate. Our exclusive leaseback scheme has been a key attraction for buyers looking for a sound investment.

"Quality has always been at the heart of this project and we are determined to ensure that it takes its place amongst the very best spa and golf resorts in the world."

To this end Frere Group has teamed up with award winning The Address Hotels & Resorts to manage the rental management of the 70 suite luxury hotel being created within the chateau and the holiday homes.

As well as the spectacular scenery within the 192 hectare Domaine de Lavagnac development, this €500 million golf and spa retreat will offer a wealth of amenities including an international 18 hole golf course and golf academy, a state-of-the-art spa, tennis courts, swimming pools, plus a tempting selection of gourmet restaurants, a



conference centre that can accommodate up to 500 people, leisure facilities including tennis courts and a selection of exclusive retail shops.

Located less than 15 minutes drive from the Mediterranean coast and its wonderful white sandy beaches and just 30 minutes from France's most popular city, Montpellier, Domaine de Lavagnac is scheduled to open in 2011 and will be the first five star tourism development in Languedoc.

Each of the 650 residential properties being built at Domaine de Lavagnac will offer unrivalled luxury accommodation. The properties, which will range from 80 sq m to 316 sq m, will include 430 serviced holiday homes to be managed by The Address Hotels + Resorts, all of them designed in chic contemporary style, plus a further 220 stylish and luxurious permanent residences.

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About The Frere Group

The four principals of The Frere Group are the Cox brothers - Barry, Charles, Melvin and Bobby - who over the years have amassed expertise in a diversity of successful business ventures, from golf course design and management to the development and subsequent sale of Hard Rock International for \$200 million, and from road building and construction to being involved in the second largest gold exploration company in Kazakhstan with mineral rights to over 42,000 square kilometres.

Today, the four brothers, with carefully chosen strategic partners, have joined forces to develop Domaine de Lavagnac, a €500 million luxury resort in the South of France which will include an exclusive 5 star Hotel and Spa, a championship 18 hole golf course, and 650 homes set in 192 hectares of one of the most beautiful areas of the Languedoc-Roussillon region of the South of France. For further information, telephone the Domaine de Lavagnac UK office on 0870 6265269. Or visit the website at: www.domainedelavagnac.com.