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A BRIEF HISTORY



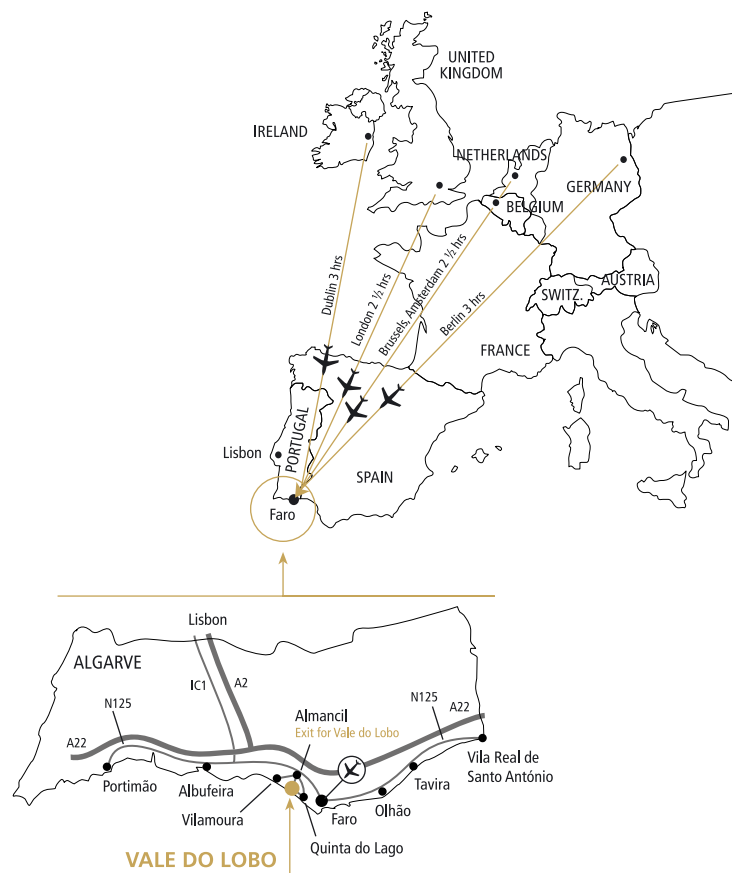
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF VALE DO LOBO

Founded in 1962 by Trusthouse Forte plc and Costain plc, both well-known multi-nationals, Vale do Lobo was the first development in the Algarve. At that time, the Algarve was mainly inhabited by farmers and fishermen. It was only after the establishment of Vale do Lobo, its “five star” Dona Filipa Hotel and the first golf course, that Faro International Airport was opened.

Sander van Gelder, a Dutch entrepreneur, discovered Vale do Lobo during a holiday in the mid 1970s, and recognising its potential, he bought the resort and moved to Portugal in 1977. Over 30 years later, Vale do Lobo has transformed into a 450 hectare self-contained community offering endless facilities and services in a unique location.

Towards the end of 2006, the resort was sold to a group of Portuguese and international investors, including the largest national bank Caixa Geral de Depósitos with successful Portuguese businessman Diogo Gaspar Ferreira takes over as the Chief Executive. The sale clearly marked the beginning of an exciting era. Under the new shareholder structure, Vale do Lobo initiated a strategic “face lift” in 2007 implementing a number of significant improvements, developments and plans for international expansion. The most significant being the initiation of a €500 million investment programme for the development of three prime areas in the resort: Vale de Santo António, Oceano Clube (Vale do Lobo II) and Vale Real (Vale do Lobo III).



At the beginning of 2008, Vale do Lobo initiated a strategic programme of rebranding and the resort was renamed as Vale do Lobo Algarve and integrated under the umbrella of a new brand of Vale do Lobo Resorts, the first move towards future international expansion. This also included the construction of a brand new entrance to symbolise the corporate objectives and the creation of a modern corporate identity to replace the old resort logo.

Vale do Lobo Algarve is recognised as one of the foremost resorts in Europe and is today the largest luxury resort of its kind in Portugal operated by the same company. Indeed a luxury experience beyond comparison, one which has earned it world-wide recognition and a special place in the heart of countless visitors and residents.

VALE DO LOBO

FACTS & FIGURES



Founded

1962, the first resort in the Algarve

Size

The largest luxury resort in Portugal – approx. 450 hectares

Length of own beach

Approx. 2 km

Number of villas and apartments

Over 1,500 owned outright; 50 properties in co-ownership

Outline planning permission

For 500 more villas and a luxury hotel

Permanent residents

10%

Properties available for rental

35% plus 5% co-ownership

Total number of beds for rental

2,500

Total number of visitors per year

Approx. 750,000

Tennis

One of the largest tennis facilities in Portugal: 14 courts, 1 paddle/ mini court, gym and swimming pool

Golf

2 x 18 hole courses, the Royal (par 72; distance 6,059 metres) and the Ocean (par 73; distance 6,137 metres)

Other sports

Water-sports, football, yoga, aerobics, spinning and many others

Number of restaurants and bars

15 of diverse cuisine

Number of employees

200 employees

A HERITAGE OF SUCCESS... 1962-2016



1962 Founded by Sir Richard Costain.

1965 Start of golf course construction, overseen by Sir Henry Cotton. Faro International Airport opens.

1968 Dona Filipa Hotel built by Trusthouse Forte. Two 9-hole golf courses open.

1971 First “aldeamento” (complex of houses) is completed.

1972 Third 9-hole golf course opens.

1977 Vale do Lobo is bought by Dutch entrepreneur Sander van Gelder.

1980 Roger Taylor Tennis Centre completed.

1997 With the construction of additional nine holes, the Royal and Ocean Golf Courses are created.

1998 First beach refurbishment.

1999 Resort becomes largest luxury resort in Portugal owned by one company. Work starts on €1.5 million renovation of Ocean Course front nine holes.

2000 Vale do Lobo welcomes supermodel Claudia Schiffer to Algarve Millennium Skins Game.

2001 Tennis Academy hosts Grand Champions Legends Tennis Gala, an ATP Seniors Tour fixture.

2002 40th anniversary of Vale do Lobo. The resort hosts Algarve Open de Portugal for the first time. Vale do Lobo Grand Champions becomes an ATP Seniors Tour official event; John McEnroe wins.

2003 Vale do Lobo hosts the Algarve Open de Portugal for the second year.

2004 Vale do Lobo wins “Best Luxury Development World-wide” in Homes Overseas Awards and The “Portuguese Tourism Gold Medal of Merit” is awarded to Chairman Sander van Gelder. Planning permission is granted for development of Vale Real; to include a “five-star” hotel.

2005 “Developer of the Year World-wide” received at Homes Overseas Awards. John McEnroe wins the 5th Vale do Lobo Grand Champions.

A HERITAGE OF SUCCESS... 1962-2016



2006 England national football team training camp at the resort. Sapphire anniversary of the resort. The Royal Spa is inaugurated. Vale do Lobo is bought by a group of Portuguese and international investors – the beginning of a modern era. Second beach refurbishment.

2007 A €500 million investment plan for the development of real estate and a luxury hotel in prime areas Vale Real, Vale de Santo António and Oceano Clube is initiated.
Manchester United football team train at Vale do Lobo.

2008 Construction of a new Resort entrance.
Vale do Lobo undergoes rebranding programme, adopting a new corporate image. The resort is integrated in Vale do Lobo Resorts and renamed as Vale do Lobo Algarve. Real Madrid football team train at Vale do Lobo accompanied by their families

2009 Cristiano Ronaldo chose Vale do Lobo as holiday's refuge with his family before signing historical contract with Real Madrid.
Vale do Lobo hosts Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Tennis Tournament - Greg Rusedski wins.

2010 Vale do Lobo honoured by presidency visit in the event of the Portugal Charity Cup. Vale do Lobo undertakes beach refurbishment to protect the coastline. Thomas Enqvist wins the 10th Anniversary edition of the Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Caixa Geral de Depósitos Tennis Tournament.

2011 Vale do Lobo launched an unprecedented marketing initiative in the UK, featuring a new advertising campaign that appeared in luxury lifestyle publications and at the most prestigious events in the UK social calendar such as Cartier Polo, Wormsley and Royal Ascot.
Vale do Lobo Algarve launched a stylish new state-of-the-art online portal, following two years of meticulous research and development with leading Web Development firm Seara.com.

2013 Vale do Lobo wins "Best Golf Resort in Portugal" from the Today's Golfer Travel Awards. 50th anniversary of Vale do Lobo.

2014 England national football team chooses Vale do Lobo for Pre-World Cup 2014 training camp



ORGANISATION OF VALE DO LOBO ALGARVE

The resort comprises the following companies:

- Vale do Lobo, Resort Turístico de Luxo, S.A.
- Resort Brokers Vale do Lobo, Mediação Imobiliária, Lda.
- Vale do Lobo (Turismo), Lda.
- Vale do Lobo (Serviços), Lda.
- Clube de Golfe de Vale do Lobo do Algarve, Lda.
- Sociedade Imobiliária do Trafal, S.A.
- Oceano Clube – Empreendimentos Turísticos do Algarve, S.A.
- Royal Golf and Beach Hotel, S.A.
- Easyview, Sociedade Imobiliária, S.A.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Chief Executive	Diogo Gaspar Ferreira
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Board Member	Rui Horta e Costa

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DISCOVER DREAM HOMES THROUGH TIMELESS DESIGN

The resort's core business is real estate. From spacious one-bedroom apartments to five-bedroom detached villas, complete with private swimming pool, there is something to suit every budget and requirement.

Numerous styles of linked villas and apartments are available to purchase off-plan, from the classic Portuguese to the unflinchingly modern, all with top-quality finishings. Meanwhile, a wide choice of plots is available throughout the resort, to cater for the tastes and needs of all clients wishing to build their own dream home, one which will fit harmoniously into the environment. Vale do Lobo is one of the very few, if not the only resort in the Algarve that handles the entire project in-house - from purchase of land through design, planning and construction, to interior décor and landscaping. The resort has experts on hand to guide and advise the buyer through every stage of building a new home, with an assurance of the highest quality workmanship.

As the longest established development on the Algarve, resort property values have demonstrated consistent capital appreciation and continue to rise every year.



AREAS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Royal Golf Development

An exclusive development designed for the discerning client - located along the 12th hole of the stunning Royal Golf Course - with clusters of two- and three-bedroom townhouses (Royal Golf Villas) and two- and three- bedroom apartments (Margarida Apartments). Diverse designs are available, adapted for a wide range of requirements and budgets. Traditional architecture and contemporary lines have been combined, with features such as stone-clad walls and exposed timber ceiling trusses cleverly incorporated with glass, stainless steel and wood panelling. Decked terraces, barbecue areas, overflow plunge pools and/or terrace Jacuzzis, multipurpose basements, and parking for cars and golf buggies are other highlights. Perfect for families and golfers alike.

Oceano Clube

Some of the last true beachfront land available in Portugal; Oceano Clube directly overlooks the Atlantic waves and is flanked by a stunning nature reserve. With no property being more than a few minutes walk from the beach this area is primarily allocated to plots for customised villas, where clients can make the house of their dreams indeed a reality.

Vale Real

Premium land intertwining with the greens of the beautiful Royal Golf Course, this development will eventually accommodate 283 luxury residences - including custom-built villas, linked villas and apartments. The necessary infrastructures are now complete, with the first detached plots for custom-built villas being released to the market. This exclusive development will also be home to a luxurious five-star hotel.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Vale do Lobo takes the stress out of owning a property abroad by offering tailored management services through the Proprietors' Club, including account management, housekeeping, garden and pool maintenance, provision of quotations for home refurbishment, insurance, security and rental of the property while the owners are not in residence, if required.

Vale do Lobo's Proprietors' Club Members are issued with a Courtesy Card which provides significant discounts at shops, services and facilities throughout the resort, as well as access to the Club of Clubs members' lounge.

The Property Owners Association (POA) is an organisation voted for by Club Members to liaise with the Vale do Lobo management on issues of joint concern and to oversee the interests of members throughout the year. Formed in 1989, the POA represents the majority of property owners before public and private entities and also develops social, cultural and sporting activities for its members, family and guests.

Nationalities of property owners at Vale do Lobo

British	56%
Portuguese	13%
German	10%
Irish	6%
Dutch	6%
Others	9%



THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Vale do Lobo's tourism operation has been designed and developed to accommodate the discerning traveller looking for a resort where all facilities and services they may need are close at hand. The resort caters in particular for sporting or beach trips, pampering breaks and gourmet holidays.

Many of the privately-owned villas or apartments in Vale do Lobo are rented as holiday properties. With a range wide enough to ensure that there are properties suitable for individuals, couples or large family parties, Vale do Lobo's properties uphold the highest standards.

Each holiday guest receives a Resort Card which entitles them to discounts and privileges throughout the resort, such as preferential rates on the two golf courses, free use of courts at the Tennis Academy and discounts in any of the restaurants, bars and boutiques situated around the resort. Card holders can also make use of the shuttle bus which transports guests around Vale do Lobo every 20 minutes.

People who choose to holiday frequently at the resort also have the option to join the Exclusive Vacation Club. On acquiring points, members of the Vale do Lobo Exclusive Vacation Club can use these points to select accommodation options, receiving a reduction of 25% on normal rates, as well as the possibility to purchase preferential golf and spa packages. After testing the resort out, should members decide to take the step to become a property owner, they can offset their Exclusive Vacation Club outlay against a real estate purchase.



DISCOVER ENDLESS EXPERIENCES ALL-YEAR ROUND

Beach

Vale do Lobo meticulously maintains the natural beauty of the coastline on which the resort is set, with its two kilometres of golden beach and emblematic ochre cliffs. A variety of water and beach sports are on offer, although the less active may prefer to spectate from the comfort of a sun-chair by the pools at the Praça, a development of luxury restaurants and bars directly on the beach.

Security and services

Vale do Lobo has its own Medical Centre with round-the-clock emergency service. Furthermore, first-aid trained security staff circulate through the resort 24 hours a day on GPS linked electric motorbikes and can be despatched instantly to assist residents and visitors. A state-of-the-art closed circuit TV system also operates day and night to ensure safety in the main areas of the resort. All every-day services are available, including a bank, car hire, newsagent, well-stocked supermarket, children's village and even insurance brokers. A regular shuttle bus service carries passengers around the resort so all facilities are easily accessible.

Cuisine and culture

For the culinary connoisseur, 15 first class restaurants are located through the resort, where diners can enjoy international cuisine ranging from Asian to French, Italian and much more to Portuguese seafood specialities, in casual and fine dining settings. An extensive programme of cultural events, including art exhibitions at Vale do Lobo Art Gallery and concerts and performances in the large Auditorium, ensures that there is something to do and see all year round.

Shopping

A range of boutiques in Vale do Lobo Shopping – centrally situated in the Parque do Golfe complex in the heart of the resort – offer golf equipment and casual wear, glamorous jewellery, furnishings, wines, spirits and gourmet nibbles.

Sports and Leisure

Vale do Lobo prides itself on offering the most extensive range of sporting and leisure facilities in the region, with something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Many different sports are available, including mini-golf, water and beach sports, football, spinning, yoga and aerobics – but the most popular remain tennis and golf.

Tennis

One of the largest tennis facilities in Portugal, the Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy has 14 courts, of which ten are all-weather and four synthetic, as well as a mini-tennis and paddle tennis court. It attracts national and international tennis fixtures, including an annual ATP Seniors Tour competition – The Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Caixa Geral de Depósitos tournament. The Tennis Academy runs a busy year-round programme of individual and group coaching, tournaments and social events, for members and holidaymakers.



DISCOVER TWO BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL COURSES

Vale do Lobo Algarve boasts two 18 hole courses - the Royal and the Ocean - both provide an enjoyable and challenging game for golfers of all standards.

The Royal Golf Course

Par 72, Distance 6.059 metres

Inaugurated in 1997, the Royal Golf Course was designed by top American golf architect Rocky Roquemore, based on the original drawings of Sir Henry Cotton. Recognised as one of Portugal's most prestigious golf courses, its features include the almost island green of the 9th and the famous 16th, with cliff-top carryover – one of the most photographed holes in Europe.

The Ocean Golf Course

Par 73, Distance 6.137 metres

The Ocean Course, composed of the two original 9-hole golf courses designed by Sir Henry Cotton, features gently undulating fairways which run alongside nature reserve before leading gently down to the shores of the Atlantic. It emblematic holes are two challenging and spectacular Par 4s, the 11th and the 14th, and the Par 3 15th which runs alongside the beach.

The Vale do Lobo Golf Club is located in Parque do Golfe, which offers a full complement of services, including golf shop and a fully-equipped Fitness Centre with a physiotherapist specialised in golf injuries. Club and buggy rental and changing facilities are also available and the clubhouse restaurant and bar, whose terrace overlooks the putting green, provides a relaxed environment that both golfers and non-golfers can enjoy. The Golf Academy incorporates short practice areas whilst professional coaching is available from a resident teaching professional.



DISCOVER A NEW ERA OF WELLBEING

Together, the luxurious Royal Spa and the state-of-the-art Fitness Centre form the Wellness Centre at Vale do Lobo, providing the ultimate in health and beauty services.

The Royal Spa at Vale do Lobo is a unique world of relaxation and splendor, where the soothing sound of running water blends with the scent of essential oils, encouraging one to let go of the stresses of the world outside.

A wide variety of treatments are available, ranging from the absolutely natural – such as herbal therapies, traditional Oriental cures and Swedish massage – to the latest vitamin-enriched treatments and cosmetic medicine.

Ten indoor and two outdoor treatment rooms are complemented by facilities including saunas, steam rooms and a pool - all within tranquil and luxurious surroundings.

The bright, spacious Fitness Centre is located next to the Royal Spa and overlooks the gardens of Parque do Golfe. Equipped with the most up-to-date Technogym fitness and weight training equipment, it is now a reference for international sports stars. Classes such as spinning and yoga as well as personal training sessions are also available.

The Wellness Centre is complemented by a nail studio, the Capelli by Victor Picardo hair salon and the Medical Centre.





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