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On the cover: Custom Villa 1 by Leonardo Omar Arquitectos

# Foreword

Letter from our Chairman

Dear reader,

I am addressing you as Chairman of the TROPICAL HOTELES Group, that has concentrated its business activity in the privileged setting of the island of Tenerife since 1973, with special dedication to activities related to the tourist industry, hospitality and real estate development.

Our first steps on the island consisted of acquiring and managing a Hotel at Playa de Las Américas and a cafeteria and store network in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Los Cristianos and Los Gigantes. That was followed by the inauguration, in 1987, at Costa Adeje, of the Hotel Jardín Tropical, an emblematic establishment that marked a before and after in the development of tourism in Tenerife and the Canary Islands, and for many years it was the reference hotel on the island.

In 2003, the Group undertook its ABAMA Resort project; a 160-hectare high luxury tourist and residential complex located on the south-east coast of the island in the municipality of Guía de Isora.

Inside the ABAMA Resort there is The Ritz-Carlton, Abama (now managed by The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C.), a 5-star High Luxury, with privileged sea views, of the island of La Gomera and the Teide. Within its facilities, the restaurant MB run by the chef Martín Berasategui (2 Michelin stars) and the Ricardo Sanz restaurant (1 Michelin star).

Both the Hotel Jardín Tropical and the Hotel Abama were designed by the prestigious architect Melvin Villaroel, a pioneer in blending architecture with nature. Moreover, the different real estate promotions decided on the major architectural studios on the island, whose most outstanding works are recorded in this book.

The ABAMA Resort has contributed to position Tenerife and the Canary Islands as a high luxury reference, attracting the highest-level international hotel brands. Worldwide events have been held there, such as brand presentations for the highest-level cars, national and international golf and tennis competitions, shooting films, etc.

The golf course (18 holes) designed by Dave Thomas, is recognised as one of the best in Spain and Europe. It stands out due to its impressive views and vegetation, and it has hosted numerous professional events and important celebrities.

Moreover, the TROPICAL HOTELES Group, with collaboration by ARUM GROUP, carries out an intense real estate activity at ABAMA where it is on the way to becoming the best luxury resort in Europe. It is a project covering nearly 190,000 buildable metres, that combine tourist, residential and commercial use.

Among the projects for residential use, the owner is offered a variety of products that range from plots to build their own home, finished single family homes (among them, the promotion called Bellevue received the First Architecture Prize for the best project in new residential mode projects in the last decade, awarded by the Professional Association of Architectures of Tenerife, La Gomera and El Hierro) as well as high-standing apartments and villas and tourist use (Las Terrazas and, more recently, Los Jardines de Abama and Las Villas del Tenis) whose owners have ceded its operation to the prestigious brand My Way Hotels.

The commitment to quality, discretion and excellence of its services form part of the essence of the Group, that has the main objective of wellbeing and full satisfaction for the guests who stay on the premises, where they enjoy an exquisite, customised service.

The ABAMA Resort development has involved hiring more than 1,000 persons, between direct and indirect posts. Moreover, the Group has always been committed to the municipality and local and island authorities, in performance of sports, cultural and festival activities.

As shown by the foregoing, the link the TROPICAL HOTELES Group has with Tenerife is old, solid, and with a strong involvement in the community, its inhabitants and geography. It also has a vocation for long-term involvement by implementing new promotions, products and services, in particular hotel and apartment management.

We trust that you will enjoy this work and its photographs and reproductions, and we are looking forward to having you among us soon.

**Cordial greetings,**

Ignacio Polanco, Chairman

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**ABAMA NATURE**  
Dive into Tenerife's diversity



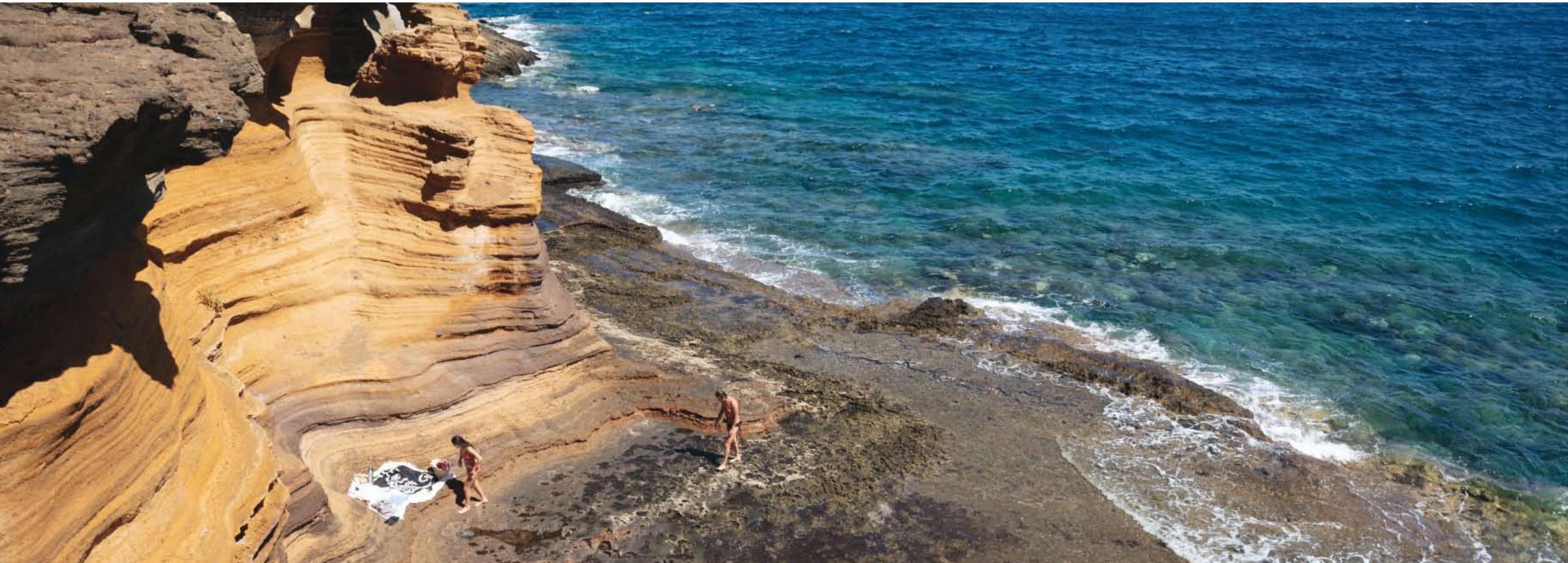


Tenerife's nature never ceases to amaze us, its landscape's diversity is unique. It is a pleasure to start the morning with a walk through it, letting ourselves be surprised by its bends, under the immensity of its blue sky, bathed by its prodigious light.





We often take the car with no plan in mind,  
the zigzagging roads surprises behind the bends.  
The island of La Gomera can be seen now and then,  
we couldn't have a better travelling companion.





The turquoise waters of the ocean are irresistible  
and we often interrupt our journey to stop at one  
of the beautiful beaches and go for a swim.  
It's a privilege that we never take for granted.







Sometimes we head towards the charming village of Alcalá, close to Abama. It's a joy to visit it as it offers a peaceful life, away from the hectic pace of so many places in the world.



We like to improvise and on the island, it's so easy to do so.

There are so many appealing places: a promenade where children run around, a fishing harbor that looks like something out of a fairy tale or a lovely restaurant along the way.

