

DORA EL CHIATY

WOMAN ON TOP

Dora El Chiaty is a woman of many talents. The entrepreneur of Greek origin, has made her mark on the Egyptian hospitality and design industry for the best part of a decade.

As sole designer of the Travco Group's numerous projects, including a number of renowned hotels, exquisite cruise ships and lavish restaurants, Dora El Chiaty insists on being involved in every single element of her projects; from inspiration to execution, down to the minor details.

El Chiaty, who is also a board member and head of interior designs at Travco Group International, started her career in the mid nineties designing the interiors of two Nile Cruise Ships. Since then, she has designed the interiors for almost 40 hotels and 19 cruise ships in Egypt – including the two newly introduced Dahabeya Luxury Nile cruising yachts. With the help of her entirely Egyptian team, who work tirelessly to bring El Chiaty's designs to life, she managed to successfully carry the task. She soon went international after her husband Hamed El Chiaty became a major shareholder of the German hotel chain Steigenberger Hotel Group. Heading the design team and currently responsible for the renovation of two historical German hotels, Steigenberger FrankfurtHof and the Steigenberger Park Hotel, in Dusseldorf.

As a sophisticated woman of style, El Chiaty is naturally inspired by her surroundings, as well as the latest trends; and this comes through into every space she designs. She adds a modern twist on classic Egyptian style which makes each of her designs unmistakable. Even furnishings and accessories are customised or created by El Chiaty for her projects and are handpicked during her extensive travels. Some of her most recognisable themes are the Asian-fusion designs she created for Travco Group's Jaz Crystal and the Moorish yet contemporary feel of Jaz Oriental Club in Almaza Bay, Marsa Matruh, making this the fifth Travco resort on the North Coast and putting Marsa Matruh on the international tourism map. Her delicious Arabesque designs for Iberotel Coraya Beach Resort in Marsa Alam are only further proof of her inspiration from her surroundings. Her



other work includes the deluxe Jaz Omar El Khayam cruise ship on Lake Nasser and Iberotel Royal Miramar in Fujairah, Emirates.

And El Chiaty is already busy designing more of Travco Group's upcoming hospitality projects. With her timeless style and endless energy, it's clear this design dynamo is intent on spreading her creativity as far as possible.

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