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**Scandic invests massively in Western Norway**

**Scandic signs its 7th hotel in Stavanger**

**The largest hotel company in the Nordics signs a major new hotel in the centre of Stavanger, Norway. With 350 rooms and vast conference facilities, Scandic is positioning itself for the competition in the oil city.**

Scandic Stavanger City officially opened this spring. Now Scandic is further strengthening its presence in the oil city, when signing a major new hotel: Scandic Stavanger Congress.

 “As the market leader, it is natural for us to lead the development of major destinations. We are proactive and will establish new hotels in attractive destinations where we see strong demand. This contributes to Scandic’s growth and strengthens our position as the leading Nordic hotel company”, says Frank Fiskers, President & CEO of Scandic.

Earlier this year, Scandic acquired Rica Hotels and currently has six hotels in Stavanger. Scandic Stavanger Congress becomes the seventh and by far the largest hotel with 350 rooms, and conference facilities with a roof-top terrace with stunning views over the Stavanger harbour. In addition to a two-floors restaurant, a bar and a fitness centre, the hotel will have a total of 15 meeting rooms - the largest being 1,000 square metres.

“From being a city with a chronic shortage of hotel rooms, there are now a number of new hotels being established in Stavanger. The city is growing fast and as the market leader, it is important for Scandic to offer a wide range of hotels. In this high competition market we will be well-positioned to win”, says Svein Arild Steen-Mevold, Managing Director, Scandic Norway.

Already in 2016, the Scandic Stavanger Congress will receive its first guests. The real estate developer is Herman Wedels Plass AS, a company owned by Kjell Madland.

**About Scandic Stavanger Congress**

* Located in Tank Svilandsgate in the centre of Stavanger
* Conference facilities with a roof-top terrace overlooking the harbour
* Includes 350 rooms and suites, two-level restaurant, bar and fitness facility
* Total of 15 meeting rooms with the largest being 1,000 sqm.
* Total area of 20,000 sqm.
* Constructed by Herman Wedels Plass AS
* Opening in 2016

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