



**Albabenshal Heritage Lodge  
Old Shali, Siwa**

Albabenshal Heritage Lodge, a 14-room lodge which began operating in 2006, is located on the periphery of the historic fortress of Shali, a thirteenth century citadel in the center of downtown Siwa. The lodge was constructed out of once inhabited kershef houses that had been destroyed by a combination of the migration of residents, looting, and unusually heavy rains. Albabenshal restored these dilapidated homes, using the same building materials and techniques used by the Siwans for thousands of years. Using kershef, a mixture of salt-rock and mud, the lodge was modeled after the original structures that once filled the fortress.

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Albabenshal Heritage Lodge aims to revitalize this important area in Siwa while encouraging the continued restoration of the remaining abandoned homes surrounding the Fortress. It is one of the activities of the Siwa Sustainable Development Initiative. Albabenshal has gained recognition in several publications and institutional case studies. It is also part of the project awarded the “World Business Award (2006)” given to EQI for the Siwa Sustainable Development Initiative and its efforts towards promoting the Millennium Development Goals.

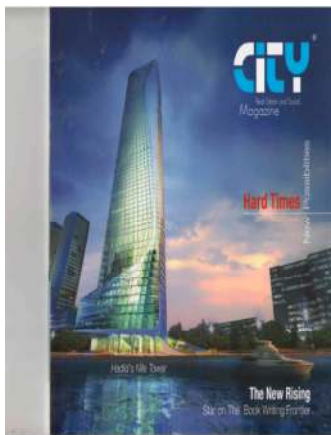
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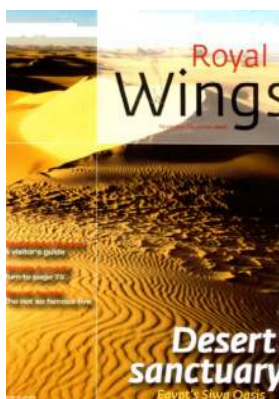
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