

**AQUILA RITHYMNA BEACH HOTEL**

Mr. Kostas Damanakis  
Manager

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**Turtle-Friendly Tourism Certification – Congratulations!**

Dear Mr. Kostas Damanakis,

We would first like to recognize the actions Aquila Rithymna Beach Hotel has taken to implement turtle-friendly tourism practices. This has been an important pilot stage in the development of the certification, and your participation is helping shape the future of the certification.

After careful consideration by the TUI Turtle Aid Network Members, we are pleased to announce that Aquila Rithymna Beach Hotel has been awarded the Turtle-Friendly Tourism Certification for Hotels. To congratulate your commitment to sea turtle conservation, we are extending the validity period of the certification to cover two tourism seasons, from May 2026 to November 2027.

TUI Care Foundation will celebrate all participating hotels through an international press release at the end of May 2026. In addition, all certified hotels will receive a framed award and a digital badge for use in your communications. We'll be in touch with further details.

Congratulations once again for being a leader in turtle-friendly tourism. Together, we can help ensure that both sea turtles and coastal tourism continue to thrive for generations to come.

Kind regards,



Helen Caron  
Member of the Board of Trustees



Alexander Panczuk  
Managing Director