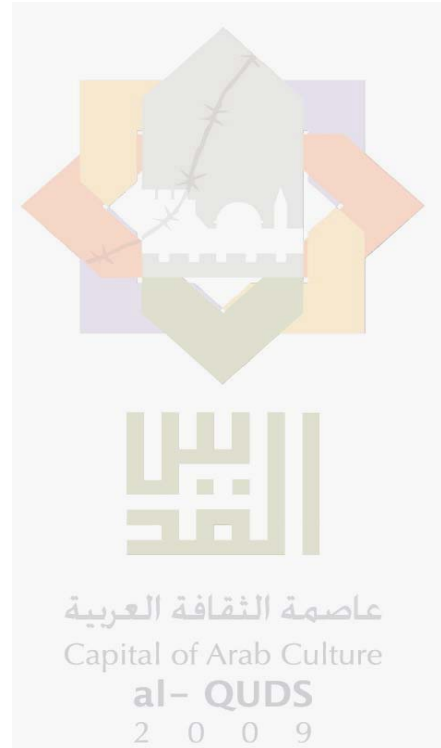
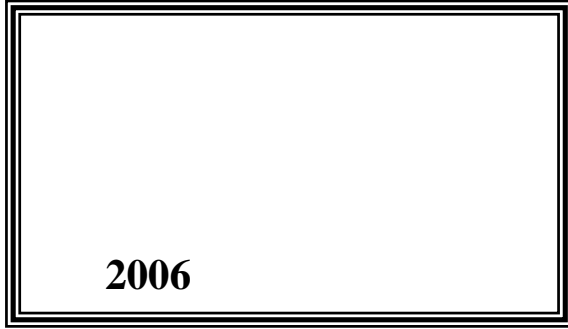


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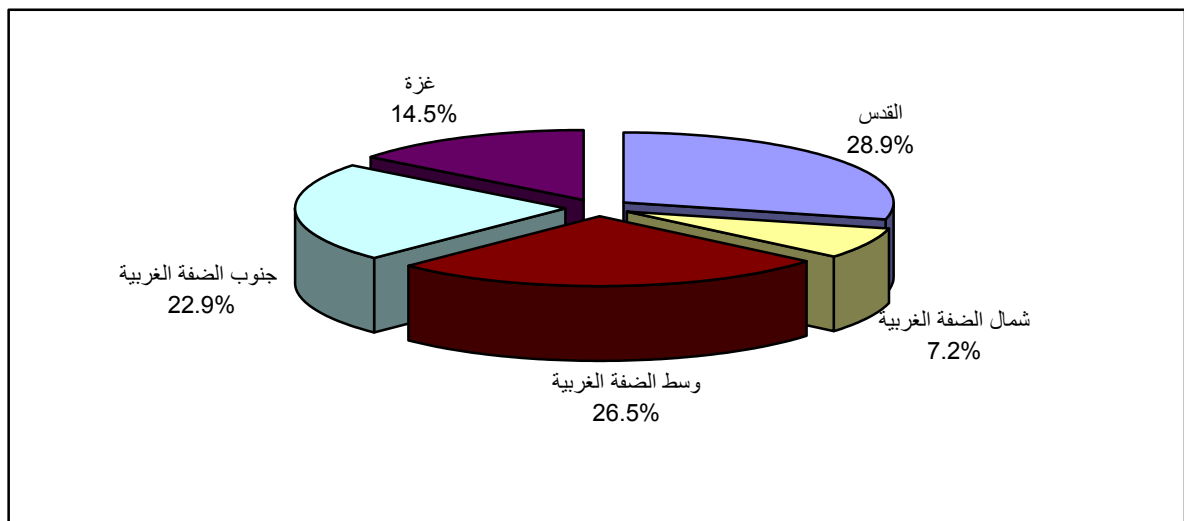
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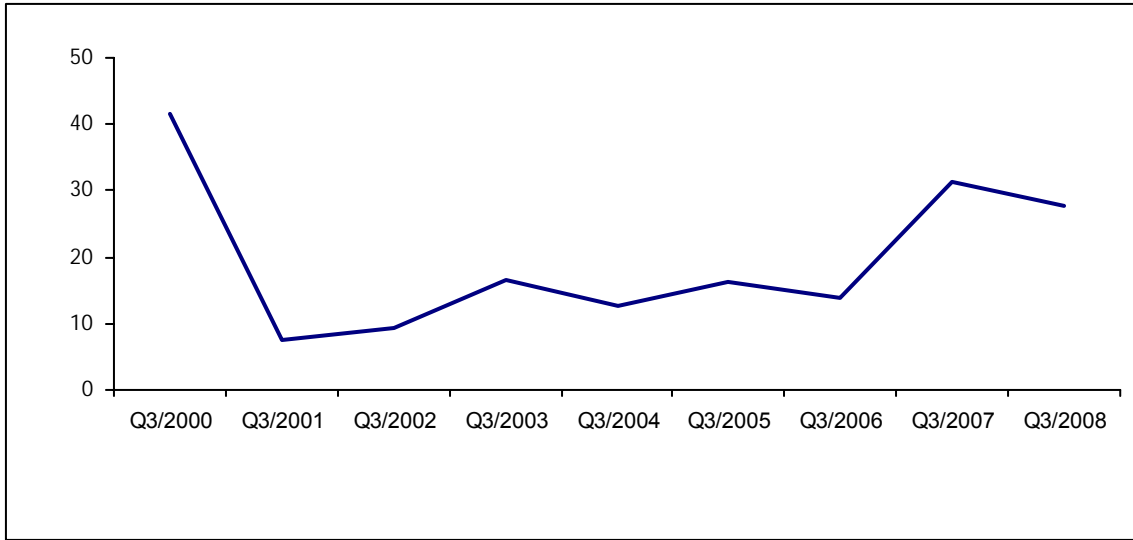
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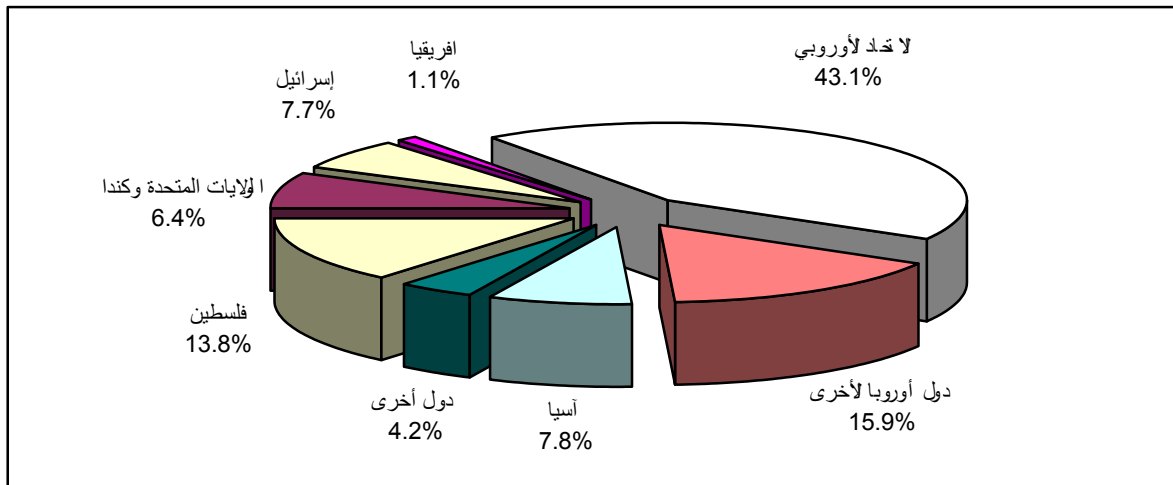
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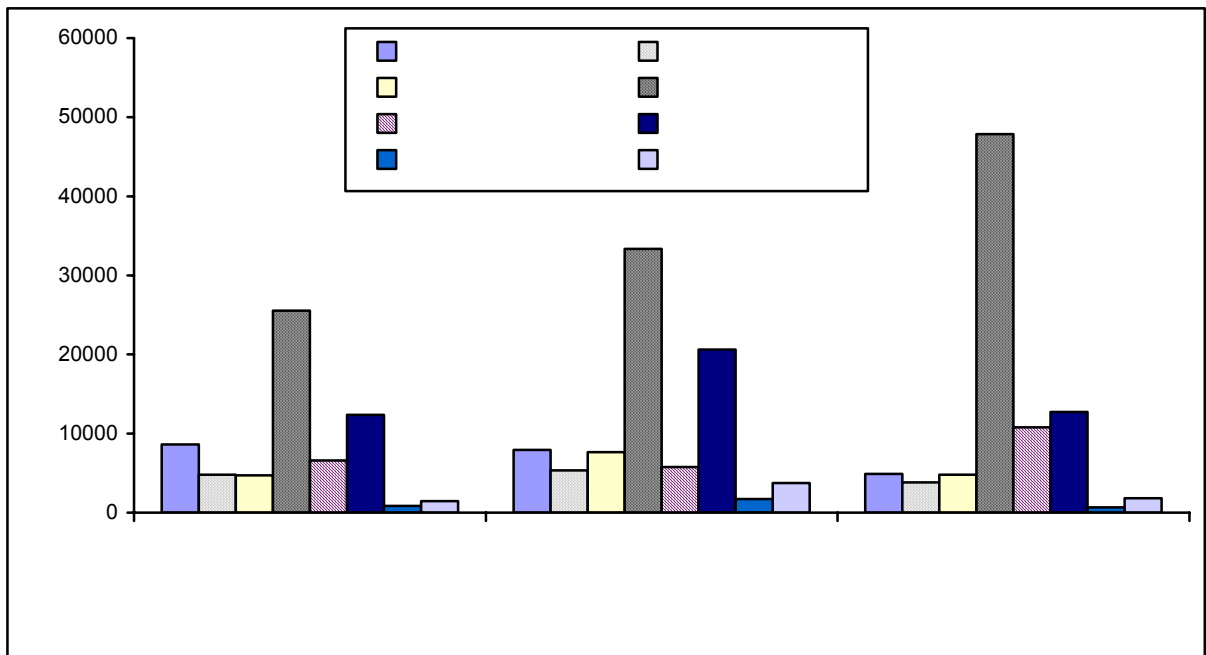


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-48.3	-54.8	-54.1	-57.3	-55.7	1,451	
-18.4	-14.0	-71.5	-75.2	-87.7	95,709	
-28.9	-38.3	-75.2	-79.0	-87.4	238,437	
-31.4	-47.7	-71.6	-77.7	-84.9	1,314.8	
-28.9	-38.3	-75.2	-79.0	-87.4	2,591.7	
-33.0	-39.5	-66.5	-69.2	-77.8	27.8	%
-29.0	-31.0	-70.4	-72.0	-81.7	26.4	%

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# Tables

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Table 1: Main Indicators for Hotel Activities by Month and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008

Region	Month	Bed Occupancy		Room Occupancy		No. of Nights	No. of Guests	No. of Beds	No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels	
		%	Average	%	Average						
<b>Palestinian Territory *</b>		<b>26.4</b>	<b>2591.7</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>1314.8</b>	<b>238437</b>	<b>95709</b>	<b>9817</b>	<b>4737</b>	<b>85</b>	*
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>2094.5</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>1217.0</b>	<b>64931</b>	<b>26429</b>	<b>11058</b>	<b>4925</b>	<b>90</b>	
	<b>August</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>2778.5</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>1390.7</b>	<b>86135</b>	<b>31463</b>	<b>9348</b>	<b>4662</b>	<b>82</b>	
	<b>September</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>2912.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>1337.5</b>	<b>87371</b>	<b>37817</b>	<b>9045</b>	<b>4625</b>	<b>83</b>	
North of West Bank	July	14.8	38.0	22.0	24.9	1178	526	257	113	6	
	August	22.3	55.0	29.6	32.0	1706	833	247	108	6	
	September	7.4	18.0	11.7	12.5	540	277	244	107	6	
Middle of West Bank	July	13.4	303.4	19.4	194.3	9406	6408	2256	1004	22	
	August	12.8	286.6	20.8	205.4	8886	4370	2232	988	22	
	September	12.9	291.5	24.2	244.5	8746	6291	2252	1009	22	
Jerusalem	July	24.2	1054.8	46.8	645.1	32700	11216	4356	1378	27	
	August	51.6	1619.2	64.8	858.1	50195	14720	3135	1324	25	
	September	59.2	1571.2	66.5	839.2	47136	18316	2655	1262	24	
South of West Bank	July	19.9	672.9	21.8	352.7	20860	8068	3376	1617	22	
	August	26.9	803.9	19.8	295.3	24920	11395	2987	1495	17	
	September	32.5	1020.9	16.2	241.4	30627	12785	3137	1490	19	
Gaza Strip**	July	3.1	25.4	3.5	15.2	787	211	813	433	13	**
	August	1.8	13.8	2.9	12.6	428	145	747	428	12	
	September	1.4	10.7	3.0	13.4	322	148	757	445	12	

\* Represents the quarter average except number of guests and number of guest nights which represent the total for the quarter.

\*\* Estimated data.

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Table 2: Number of Hotels and Rooms by Facilities and Region as of September, 2008

Region	Facilities										No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels
	Internet	DVD	Vedio	Telephone	Air Conditioning	Heating	Refrigerator	T.V	Radio	Private Bathroom		
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>1575</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>3829</b>	<b>3677</b>	<b>4113</b>	<b>2679</b>	<b>3707</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>4224</b>	<b>4625</b>	<b>83</b>
North of West Bank	0	0	0	99	99	99	99	99	0	99	107	6
Middle of West Bank	266	0	90	788	757	851	716	845	220	885	1009	22
Jerusalem	42	8	246	905	999	1135	356	845	400	1164	1262	24
South of West Bank	1186	0	0	1593	1433	1617	1150	1493	30	1617	1490	19
Gaza Strip	81	0	0	444	389	411	358	425	27	459	757	12

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**Table 3: Number of Hotels by Availability of Public Services and Region as of September, 2008**

Region	Public Services												No. of Operating Hotels
	Other	Room Services	Hair Dresser	Shops	Laundry	Photocopying	Cofeshop	Typing	Bar	Internet	Fax	Puplic Telephone	
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>83</b>
North of West bank	3	4	0	1	4	4	0	4	0	2	4	1	6
Middle of West bank	14	20	1	2	12	16	11	14	6	14	19	6	22
Jerusalem	2	17	4	2	7	20	10	11	9	22	26	22	24
South of West bank	6	22	1	4	9	20	14	17	16	19	18	9	19
Gaza Strip	0	12	0	2	2	12	9	11	0	6	12	7	12

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**Table 4: Average Number of Workers in Hotels by Type of Work, Sex and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008**

Region	Total		Operation		Administration		* No. of Operating Hotels *
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>83</b>
North of West Bank	7	39	4	25	3	14	6
Middle of West Bank	36	438	24	373	12	65	22
Jerusalem	66	404	47	339	19	65	24
South of West Bank	58	162	48	122	10	40	19
Gaza Strip	15	226	8	177	7	49	12

\* As in September, 2008

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Table 5: Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>6.4</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7469</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7350</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13182</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>1844</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>2553</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>6078</b>	<b>90</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1732</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2940</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>3802</b>	<b>82</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2067</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>3893</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3302</b>	<b>83</b>
North of West Bank	July	5.1	27	0.4	2	6.7	35	2.3	12	70.5	371	6
	August	3.4	28	1.0	8	9.8	82	0.7	6	66.6	555	6
	September	5.1	14	1.4	4	14.1	39	0.4	1	62.8	174	6
Middle of West Bank	July	3.0	194	1.0	63	1.9	123	2.6	168	76.3	4887	22
	August	13.6	593	1.2	52	3.3	146	1.9	82	51.9	2270	22
	September	14.2	894	0.6	40	3.3	209	9.3	586	44.2	2778	22
Jerusalem	July	10.0	1126	6.3	703	14.9	1669	0.1	8	0.0	0	27
	August	12.6	1850	6.7	983	8.2	1207	0.1	21	0.0	0	25
	September	5.0	907	6.2	1135	7.6	1393	0.0	9	0.0	1	24
South of West Bank	July	1.7	141	13.2	1063	9.0	725	0.5	38	9.9	799	22
	August	0.2	28	6.0	687	13.2	1501	2.1	240	8.3	946	17
	September	1.7	221	21.2	2706	1.6	209	0.3	44	2.6	328	19
Gaza Strip	July	25.1	53	6.2	13	0.5	1	0.9	2	10.0	21	13
	August	17.2	25	1.4	2	2.8	4	2.8	4	21.4	31	12
	September	20.9	31	5.4	8	4.7	7	0.7	1	14.2	21	12

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Table 5 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008

Region	Month	Total		Nationality									
				Australia & Newzeland		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America	
		%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>95709</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1790</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15237</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>41272</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>973</b>
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26429</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>4773</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>8789</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>214</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31463</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>5878</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>11959</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>540</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37817</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>4586</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>20524</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>219</b>
North of West Bank	July	100	526	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	14.8	78	0.2	1
	August	100	833	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	18.5	154	0.0	0
	September	100	277	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	16.2	45	0.0	0
Middle of West Bank	July	100	6408	0.1	8	0.1	5	0.4	25	14.0	898	0.6	37
	August	100	4370	0.3	9	0.1	5	12.2	534	15.1	662	0.4	17
	September	100	6291	0.5	34	0.4	26	0.3	17	26.6	1672	0.6	35
Jerusalem	July	100	11216	0.4	47	2.6	294	37.7	4234	26.5	2968	1.5	167
	August	100	14720	0.6	95	0.1	19	31.8	4676	36.8	5420	3.1	449
	September	100	18316	0.2	25	2.4	446	16.6	3037	61.4	11252	0.6	111
South of West Bank	July	100	8068	0.0	1	0.5	43	6.1	486	59.0	4763	0.1	9
	August	100	11395	13.7	1555	0.4	47	5.9	660	49.6	5657	0.6	74
	September	100	12785	0.0	0	1.5	193	11.9	1521	58.6	7490	0.6	73
Gaza Strip	July	100	211	4.7	10	0.5	1	13.2	28	38.9	82	0.0	0
	August	100	145	2.1	3	1.4	2	5.4	8	45.5	66	0.0	0
	September	100	148	2.0	3	0.7	1	7.5	11	43.9	65	0.0	0

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**Table 6: Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008**

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>7.2</b>	<b>17143</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>23128</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>13960</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1630</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>21460</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4706</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>6593</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4804</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>8618</b>	<b>90</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>7643</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5756</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5342</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7938</b>	<b>82</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4794</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>10779</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3814</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4904</b>	<b>83</b>
North of West Bank	July	3.6	42	0.3	3	4.4	52	4.3	51	71.6	843	6
	August	3.6	62	0.8	13	10.0	171	1.8	30	65.1	1111	6
	September	3.7	20	1.1	6	8.1	44	0.2	1	66.7	360	6
Middle of West Bank	July	6.0	561	4.2	403	1.9	181	2.3	217	68.2	6413	22
	August	12.5	1108	3.1	275	2.3	204	1.1	100	56.1	4983	22
	September	13.1	1145	3.0	261	2.8	247	7.7	676	46.1	4030	22
Jerusalem	July	10.2	3344	11.5	3754	9.7	3157	0.0	15	0.0	0	27
	August	12.6	6324	8.0	4011	4.3	2168	0.1	43	0.0	0	25
	September	5.5	2583	13.1	6187	6.8	3224	0.0	18	0.0	7	24
South of West Bank	July	2.5	509	11.4	2388	6.8	1413	0.5	113	6.3	1319	22
	August	0.3	78	5.8	1454	11.2	2794	1.2	307	7.1	1768	17
	September	3.2	987	14.1	4314	1.0	291	0.1	45	1.5	469	19
Gaza Strip	July	31.8	250	5.7	45	0.1	1	0.3	2	5.5	43	13
	August	16.6	71	0.7	3	1.2	5	2.3	10	17.8	76	12
	September	18.3	59	3.4	11	2.5	8	0.6	2	11.8	38	12



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Table 6 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2008

Region	Month	Total		Nationality										الشهر
				& Australia NewZeland		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>238437</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3575</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>45719</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>106762</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3245</b>	
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>64931</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>12352</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>25553</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>842</b>	
	<b>August</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>86135</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3107</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>20641</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>33352</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1729</b>	
	<b>September</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87371</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>12726</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>47857</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>674</b>	
North of West Bank	July	100	1178	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	2	15.5	184	0.1	1	
	August	100	1706	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	18.7	319	0.0	0	
	September	100	540	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	20.2	109	0.0	0	
Middle of West Bank	July	100	9406	0.3	24	0.1	8	0.3	27	15.8	1491	0.9	81	
	August	100	8886	0.7	59	0.1	7	6.2	559	17.3	1541	0.6	50	
	September	100	8746	1.0	86	0.4	31	0.3	27	24.7	2165	0.9	78	
Jerusalem	July	100	32700	0.3	79	2.3	761	35.5	11615	28.6	9343	1.9	632	
	August	100	50195	0.6	307	0.1	43	36.6	18401	34.6	17343	3.1	1555	
	September	100	47136	0.6	228	1.0	486	15.2	7144	56.9	26814	0.9	445	
South of West Bank	July	100	20860	0.0	1	0.7	155	3.2	654	68.0	14180	0.6	128	
	August	100	24920	10.9	2720	0.3	83	6.8	1661	55.9	13931	0.5	124	
	September	100	30627	0.0	9	0.8	232	18.0	5520	60.8	18609	0.5	151	
Gaza Strip	July	100	787	4.5	36	0.1	1	6.9	54	45.1	355	0.0	0	
	August	100	428	4.9	21	0.9	4	4.7	20	50.9	218	0.0	0	
	September	100	322	1.6	5	1.2	4	10.9	35	49.7	160	0.0	0	

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**Table 7: Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2008**

Region	Month	Nationality					No. of Operating Hotels		
		U.S.A & Canada	Asia	Israel	Arab Countries	Palestine			
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>85</b>		
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>90</b>		
	<b>August</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>82</b>		
	<b>September</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>83</b>		
North of West Bank	July	1.6	1.5	1.5	4.3	2.3	6		
	August	2.2	1.6	2.1	5.0	2.0	6		
	September	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.0	2.1	6		
Middle of West Bank	July	2.9	6.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	22		
	August	1.9	5.3	1.4	1.2	2.2	22		
	September	1.3	6.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	22		
Jerusalem	July	3.0	5.3	1.9	1.9	0.0	27		
	August	3.4	4.1	1.8	2.0	0.0	25		
	September	2.8	5.5	2.3	2.0	7.0	24		
South of West Bank	July	3.6	2.2	1.9	3.0	1.7	22		
	August	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.9	17		
	September	4.5	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.4	19		
Gaza Strip	July	4.7	3.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	13		
	August	2.8	1.3	1.3	2.7	2.4	12		
	September	1.9	1.4	1.2	4.0	1.8	12		

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**Table 7 (Cont.): Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2008**

Region	Month	Total	Nationality						
			Australia & New Zeland	Africa	Other European Count.	European Union	Central & South America		
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>		<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>		
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>		
	<b>August</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>		
	<b>September</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>		
North of West Bank	July	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.0		
	August	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0		
	September	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0		
Middle of West Bank	July	1.5	3.0	1.6	1.1	1.7	2.2		
	August	2.0	6.6	1.4	1.0	2.3	2.9		
	September	1.4	2.5	1.2	1.6	1.3	2.2		
Jerusalem	July	2.9	1.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.8		
	August	3.4	3.2	2.3	3.9	3.2	3.5		
	September	2.6	9.1	1.1	2.4	2.4	4.0		
South of West Bank	July	2.6	1.0	3.6	1.3	3.0	14.2		
	August	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.5	2.5	1.7		
	September	2.4	0.0	1.2	3.6	2.5	2.1		
Gaza Strip	July	3.7	3.8	1.0	2.0	4.4	0.0		
	August	3.0	8.2	2.3	2.5	3.3	0.0		
	September	2.2	1.7	7.0	3.1	2.5	0.0		

## Chapter One

### **Introduction**

Tourism is considered as a cornerstone of the Palestinian economy because there are many attractive touristic resorts for people of different interests. Therefore, PCBS commenced to collect statistical data on tourism and monitor hotel activities through a comprehensive survey since 1996, and on regular basis. Such activity followed the World Tourism Organization and European Union recommendations. It is aimed to produce a comprehensive database and time series of basic indicators of hotel industry, hoping to enable the development and promotion of the tourism industry in Palestine.

This survey is carried out on monthly basis using a specifically designed questionnaire about hotel guests, nights, workers and facilities.

A quarterly report is regularly produced and a collective comprehensive report is produced annually. This publication presents data on hotels for the third quarter 2008, which its results indicate the increase of most indicators compared to the previous years.



## Chapter Two

### Concepts and Definitions

This section presents the main concepts and definitions used to derive the main indicators of tourism statistics. These concepts and definitions are based on international recommendations in the field of tourism statistics, and they are the same in all subjects in Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. The main concepts and expressions mentioned in this report were as follows:

#### **Hotel:**

It is defined as an accommodation establishment providing overnight lodging for the visitors in a room or unit. It should hold a number of persons exceeding that of an average single family. The establishment must be under one management, and provides different facilities and services to visitors.

#### **Hotel Workers:**

It refers to all persons working in the hotel on full or part time bases including owners and paid or unpaid household members.

#### **Number of Rooms:**

It refers to the furnished rooms for the use of guests. Such rooms might be single, double, triple, or quadruple. Rooms involving more than four beds were classified under (others) in the questionnaire. As for the suite, it is usually comprised of one bedroom or more, a living room and private toilet facilities.

#### **Available Beds and Rooms:**

It refers to beds and rooms, which are ready for use during the reference period. Closed rooms for maintenance or repairs are excluded.

#### **Guests:**

It refers to visitors staying in the hotels and using their facilities in return for a certain charge. Records of new guests are based on the number of visits regardless whether it's the same person or different.

#### **Number of Guest Nights:**

Number of beds booked for hotel guests. Such beds are considered as occupied whether they were actually used or not. It is measured by guest night unit.

#### **Room Occupancy:**

Number of booked and paid rooms. Such rooms are considered occupied whether they were actually used or not.

#### **Bed Occupancy:**

Number of booked and paid beds. Such beds are considered occupied whether they were actually used or not.

#### **Average (rooms, beds) Occupancy:**

It is defined as the total number of occupied (rooms, beds) divided by number of days

**Average Length of Stay:**

Represents the total of guest nights by nationality divided by number of guests of the same nationality .

**Percentage of (rooms, beds) Occupancy:**

It is defined as the average of (rooms, beds) occupancy divided by available (rooms, beds) multiplied by one hundred.

**North of West Bank Region:**

Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Salfit and Tubas governorates.

**Middle of West Bank Region:**

Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorates.

**Jerusalem Region:**

Jerusalem governorate.

**South of West Bank Region:**

Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.

**Gaza Strip:**

North Gaza, Gaza, Deir Al-Balah, Khan Yunis and Rafah governorates.

## Main Findings

The total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory is 116 hotels, including the temporary closed ones. There are 83 operating hotels in September 2008, that offer 4,625 rooms with total available beds of 9,045.

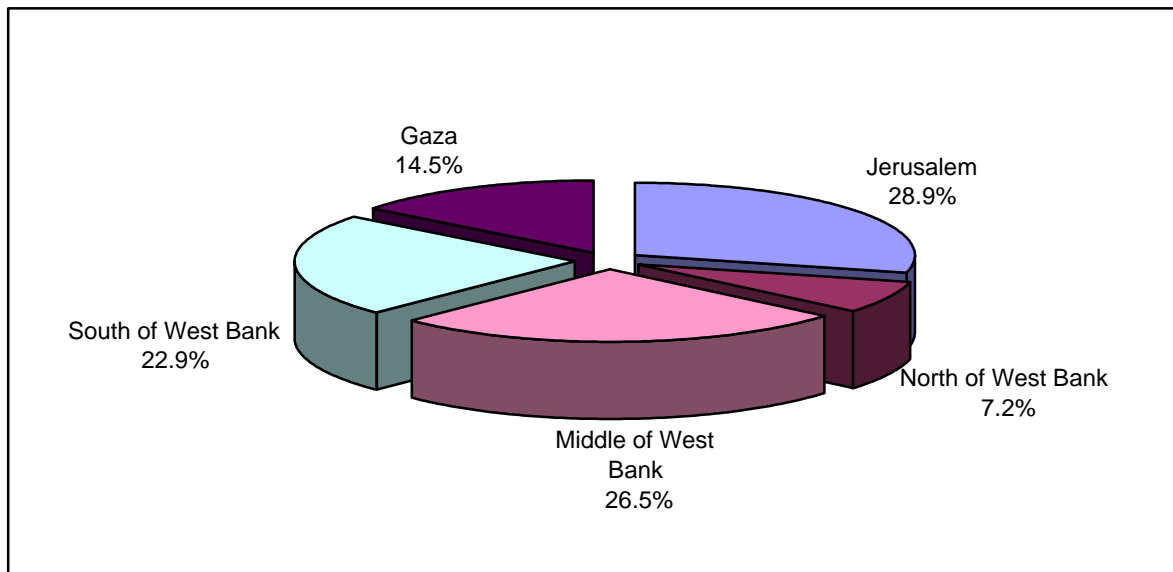
### 3.1 Hotels and Capacity During the Third Quarter 2008

The operating hotels within the Palestinian Territory as in September 2008, are distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 6 hotels including 107 rooms comprising 244 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 22 hotels including 1,009 rooms comprising 2,252 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 24 hotels including 1,262 rooms comprising 2,655 beds.
- South of West Bank: 19 hotels including 1,490 rooms comprising 3,137 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 12 hotels including 445 rooms comprising 757 beds.

The figure below shows the percentage distribution of operating hotels by region as of September 2008.

**Figure (1): Percentage Distribution of Operating Hotels by Region as of September, 2008**



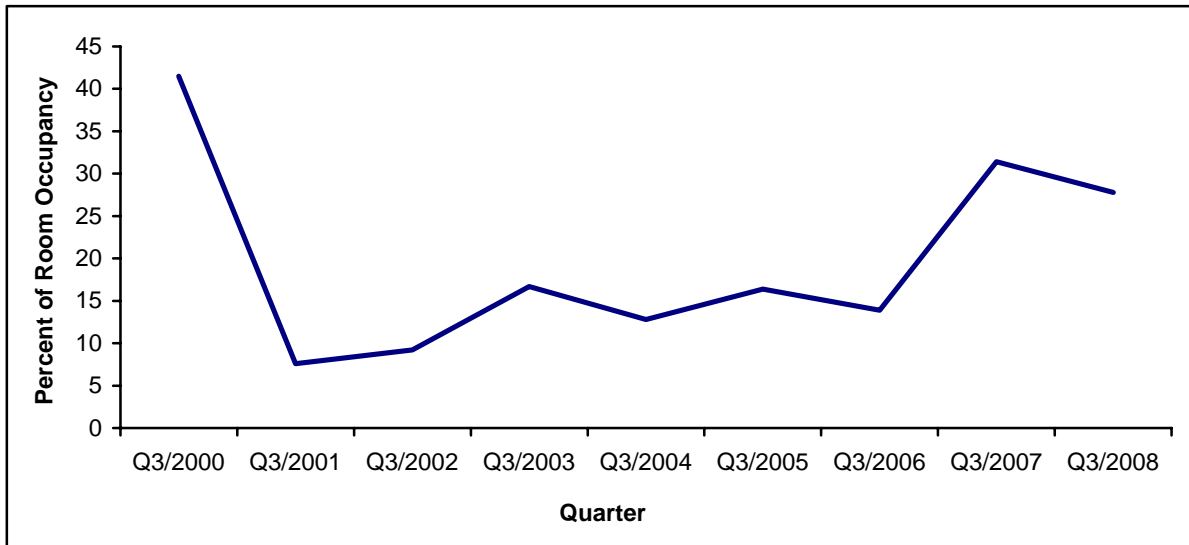
### 3.2 Room Occupancy During the Third Quarter 2008

The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 1,314.8 and the percentage occupancy of rooms was 27.8%.

The value of this indicator showed a clear increase in comparison with the third quarter of the last seven years. The figure below presents the average occupancy of rooms during the third quarter for the years from 2000 to 2008:



**Figure (2): Room Occupancy Percent During the Third Quarter (2000 - 2008)**



**3.3 Hotel Workers During the Third Quarter 2008**

The number of workers in the hotels administration were 284 of which 233 are males and 51 are females. There were 1,167 workers in hotels services, of which 1,036 are males and 131 are females.

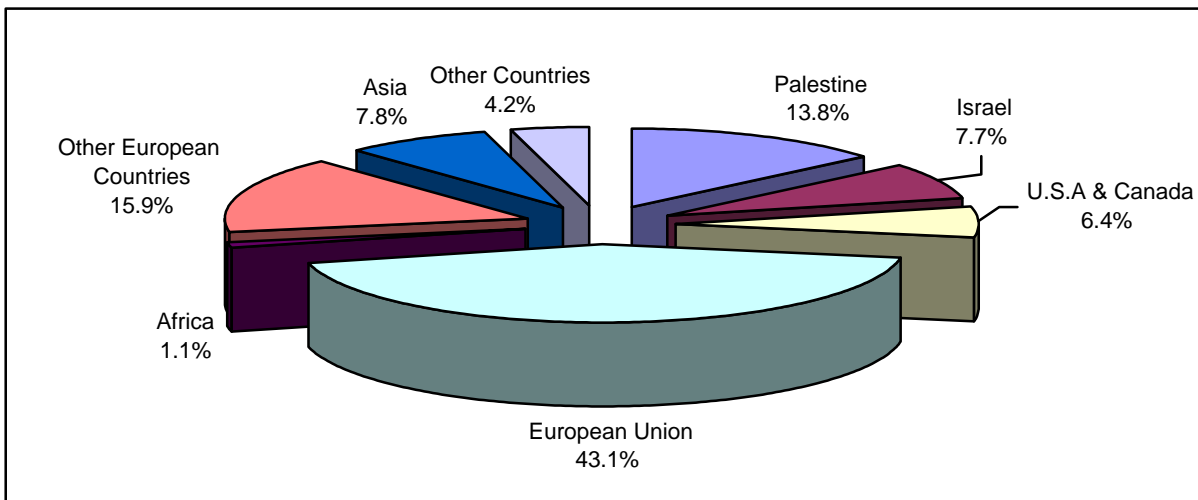
**3.4 Guests and Occupancy During the Third Quarter 2008**

The total number of guests to the Palestinian hotels was 95,709 persons, of which 13.8% of them were Palestinian guests, and 43.1% were from the European Union countries. The number of guests decreased to 5.2%, compared with the same quarter of the year 2007.

Most of those guests were in Jerusalem hotels with a percentage of 45.9% from the guests total, whereas the percentage reached up to 17.7% in the Middle of the West Bank hotels, it reached 33.4% in the South of the West Bank hotels, and 1.7% in North of the West Bank hotels, while the percentage of guests in Gaza Strip hotels was 1.3%.

The percentage distribution of guests by nationality is as in the figure below.

**Figure (3): Percentage Distribution of Guests by Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2008**

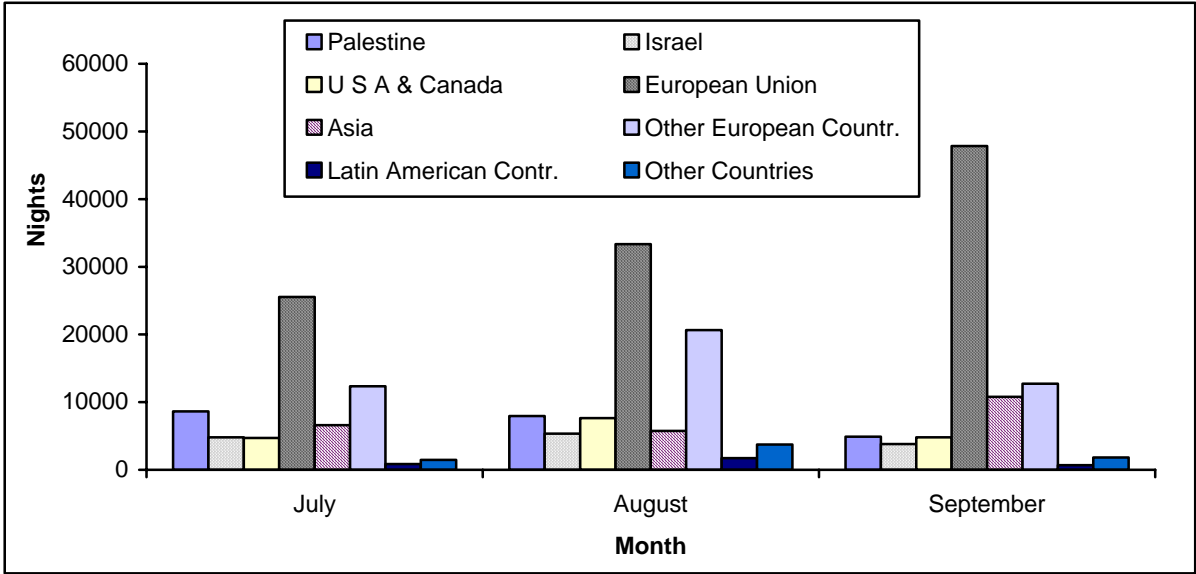


The total number of guest nights in the Palestinian hotels during the third quarter 2008 was 238,437 nights, of which 9.0% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, while 44.8% by the guests whom arrived from European Union countries, and 7.2% of these nights were occupied by the guests whom arrived from the United States and Canada.

Whereas the guests spent 54.5% of those nights in Jerusalem hotels, while they spent 11.3%, 32.0%, 1.4% in the Middle, South, and North of the West Bank respectively, while the percentage of guest nights in Gaza Strip hotels was 0.8%.

The distribution of guests by nationality and month during this quarter are presented in the figure below.

**Figure (4): Number of Guest Nights by Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2008**



**3.5 Average Length of Stay During the Third Quarter 2008**

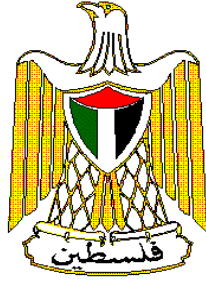
The average length of stay in the Palestinian hotels was 2.5 nights per guest, and the highest average was 3.0 nights in the Jerusalem hotels, while in the North, Middle and South of the West Bank was 2.1, 1.6, 2.4 nights per guest respectively, whereas the average length of stay in Gaza Strip hotels were 3.0 nights per guest.

The table below presents the main results of the third quarter of 2008, and explains the changes occurred on the main indicators of the Palestinian hotels activities, due to the Israeli siege, compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.

When comparing the results of the third quarter of 2008 with the same period in 2000, we note that the decline in the volume of main hotel indicators reached to the lowest.

**Percentage Change in the Variables During the Third Quarter of the previous Years, in Compare with the Third Quarter 2000**

The Indicator	Value During the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008	Percentage change (%) comparing with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2000				
		2002	2004	2006	2007	2008
Number of operating hotels	85	-32.4	-26.9	-27.8	-27.8	-21.3
Average number of workers	1,451	-55.7	-57.3	-54.1	-54.8	-48.3
Number of guests	95,709	-87.7	-75.2	-71.5	-14.0	-18.4
Number of guest nights	238,437	-87.4	-79.0	-75.2	-38.3	-28.9
Average occupancy of rooms	1,314.8	-84.9	-77.7	-71.6	-47.7	-31.4
Average occupancy of beds	2,591.7	-87.4	-79.0	-75.2	-38.3	-28.9
Rooms occupancy %	27.8	-77.8	-69.2	-66.5	-39.5	-33.0
Beds occupancy %	28.7	-81.7	-72.0	-70.4	-31.0	-29.0



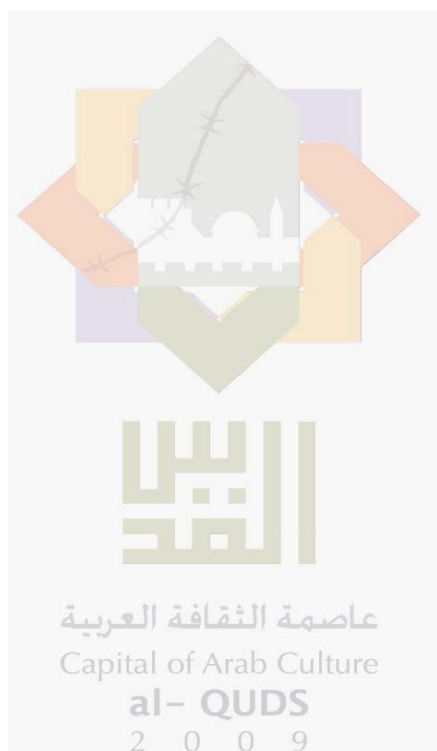
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## **Preface**

The Palestinian tourism sector has the potential to be a main contributor to the GDP in Palestine. However, the tourism industry is crippled by a multiplicity of problems especially the political situation, which must be overcome.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) started publishing reports about hotel activities since the first quarter of 1996. PCBS is pleased to present the third issue of the fourteenth volume on "Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory" which covers statistics on the hotel industry for the third quarter of 2008.

PCBS has implemented several surveys to cover the supply and demand sides of tourism, including Hotel Activity survey in the Palestinian Territory, a survey continuous and lasting since 1996.

During this year, a survey was conducted related to hotels guests as a supplementary survey to deal with the demand side of tourism in the hotel and other type of accommodations, in addition of the following surveys: Tourism Activities for the years 2002 and 2007, implemented Domestic Tourism survey for the years 1998, 2005 and 2006, in addition to the survey of Outbound Tourism in 2004, a survey of Inbound Tourism 2005, to cover an important aspect of tourist demand, an additional step for the further implementation of surveys related tourism statistics, in order to build the database necessary to establish the tourism satellite accounts (TSA) in the Palestinian Territory.

The data of hotel activities of this quarter was also collected during the Israeli siege and closure imposed on the Palestinian Territory, which reflects a decreasing for the main indicators comparing with the same quarter of the year 2000, but this decrease is low compared with the same quarters in the previous six years, which reflects a slight improvement during this period.

This survey addresses the main indicators of the hotel industry. These indicators include the number of operating hotels, number of rooms and beds, public facilities in the surveyed hotels, number of employed persons in hotels, number of guest nights in the reference period, number of guests by nationality and rates of bed and room occupancy.

We hope that the Hotel Activities survey in the Palestinian Territory conducted by the PCBS comprises a step towards a comprehensive statistical program encompassing all aspects of tourism activities according to the latest international standards.

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