

Hyatt Hotels to expand its presence in India to 27 cities by 2020

Hyatt Hotels Corporation announced that 2019 will mark record growth for Hyatt in India. Expansion plans foresee the addition of over 2,100 guest-rooms through the opening of more than 14 new properties over the next 24 months. In terms of cities, the footprint will grow from the current 19 cities to 27 in the next two years, the company said in an official release.

Aside from growth in the larger capital cities, the emphasis will be on leisure and cultural destinations, with a focus on emerging cities within India.

This year's expansion began with the introduction of the Hyatt Centric brand through the opening of Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa. New to the Hyatt portfolio as part of the Two Roads Hospitality acquisition in November 2018, the Alila brand also added two new properties in India, located in Diwa Goa and Fort Bishangarh.

Later in the year, Hyatt plans to expand its brand footprint in Kerala with the opening of Hyatt Regency Kochi Malayattoor and Hyatt Regency Thrissur. Hyatt also plans to add its first resort in the foothills of the Himalayas with the anticipated opening of Hyatt Regency Dharamshala Resort in the second half of 2019. Gurgaon will also be in focus later in 2019, with the scheduled opening of Grand Hyatt Gurgaon. These hotels will add over 1,000 guestrooms to Hyatt's existing offering in India and will establish its brand presence in four new markets.

Those properties which are expected to join the Hyatt portfolio in 2020 include Hyatt Place Bengaluru Urbana, Hyatt Regency Jaipur Mansarovar, Hyatt Regency Dehradun, Hyatt Palace Vadodara, Hyatt Regency Thiruvananthapuram, Hyatt Regency Udaipur and Hyatt Regency Jaipur Malviya Nagar.