

Lemon Tree to come up with mega hotel project in Mumbai

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600 rooms hotel with large commercial and meetings space in the vicinity of CSIA

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The Lemon Tree Hotel Company will add a sizable 900 rooms inventory to the Mumbai hospitality market in the next three and a half years. The first to open will be a 300 keys property in Andheri within the next two years followed by a 600 keys Lemon Tree Premier project in the vicinity of Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. The second project will be operational by 2018. "It will be our own property, along with which we are planning a commercial space of about a 100,000 sq feet and meeting space of approximately 60,000 sq feet.

This is still on the drawing board," said Rahul Pandit, president & executive director, The Lemon Tree Hotel Company. These projects will also make The Lemon Tree Hotel Company one of the biggest hotel operators in India's financial capital.



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The upcoming projects include a resort in Udaipur, a hotel in Rajarhat area of Kolkata, and in Sector 60, Gurgaon a Lemon Tree Hotel and Red Fox Hotel together. "We have three hotels in Gurgaon. The second inventory we are demolishing and rebuilding as the FSI norms have changed. We can now do a bigger hotel, it is becoming more upscale and will be a Lemon Tree Premier," informed Pandit. Recently, the company started its third hotel in Hyderabad. "We are doing a second hotel in Pune, a resort in Shimla, another in Baroda, a greenfield project in Coimbatore is two years away. We are also speaking of Bhubaneshwar but it will take some time," added Pandit. The newer projects will also see more allocation of meetings space than the existing hotels, as the company is now more focused on the MICE segment.

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