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## Lemon Tree in PE pact

**New Delhi:** Hospitality firm Lemon Tree Hotels on Thursday said it has formed a joint venture with an arm of global private equity firm Warburg Pincus to develop rental housing projects, envisaging investments of Rs 3,000 crore over a period of time.

An affiliate of Warburg Pincus arm and Lemon Tree Hotels will hold 68 per cent and 30 per cent stake, respectively, in the JV. The balance 2 per cent will be held by Lemon Tree founder chairman and MD Patanjali Keswani.

The partners will initially invest Rs 1,500 crore in equity over a period of time followed by an additional infusion of Rs 1,500 crore in equity at the option of the partners, it added.

The investment will be made to “develop rental housing projects through a combination of greenfield properties, refurbishment of existing commercial and residential assets taken on lease/acquisition basis as well as management of existing for-rent accommodation”. PTI