

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

### The Chedi Mumbai

GENERAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT (GHM) has joined hands with Rajesh LifeSpaces to debut The Chedi brand in India, through The Chedi Mumbai. The property is situated in close proximity to the Powai region, which is also not far from Bandra Kurla Complex. The development is expected to be an emerging hub for work and leisure outside of South Mumbai. It will also house a new convention and exhibition centre, an art auditorium, cultural plaza, residences and offices. The announcement of The Chedi Mumbai marks the third development project by GHM this year as it launches into a path of expansion. The hotel management company had previously shared its plans on The Chedi Luštica Bay in Montenegro as well as a new venture into the mid-market segment with Tin Hotels. The Chedi Mumbai offers 316 guestrooms, five restaurants, meeting facilities, and a spa and wellness facility.



### Ayana Fort Kochi



AYANA HOSPITALITY, a joint venture between the ICS Group (India) and Mantis Group (South Africa), is set to launch Ayana Fort Kochi this month. Located in the heart of Fort Kochi, Ayana is a luxury boutique hotel, which features the local architecture, culture and cuisine of the island. The property offers various activities; for instance, guests can participate in the rooftop yoga class. This converted hotel was once the court house during the Portuguese occupation and is said to be almost 200 years old. All 16 rooms feature authentic Indian Athangudi tile floors, combined with classic art deco interiors. One can indulge in "The Old Court", which offers a menu based on organic vegetables and local produce. The Tea Lounge in the court house offers craft teas, specialty coffees and a selection of freshly-baked goods. Whereas, Le Souk, the open air terrace café offers Mediterranean cuisine.



### Anise

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT Agra is launching a new fine dining restaurant Anise. Anise is a specialty restaurant, offering a selection of Awadhi and Northwest frontier dishes - Kebabs, curries, Biryani and more. Apart from the regular menu, Table d'Hôte menu which offers a multi-course meal with select choices will also be available for those wanting to savour signature dishes by executive chef Vivek Kalia, head of the Anise culinary team. The open air dining facility is located on the ground floor of the hotel.



### The Riu Sri Lanka

RIU HOTELS & RESORTS has recently marked its first inauguration on the Asian continent with a five-star hotel in Sri Lanka. The Riu Sri Lanka offers a 24-hour all inclusive service and is located overlooking the beach and set against a unique backdrop. The hotel has three large pools and a children's pool, sunbathing terraces, jacuzzi, gym and the Renova Spa wellness centre which includes a hairdresser and massage service. F&B outlets at the property include Kaori, La Forchetta, Saute restaurant, Riti Panna, Ceylon, Nuwara, The Purple Lounge, After Hours, and Flamingos. The hotel facilities also include the Pacha nightclub. With the inauguration of this hotel, the first stone will be laid in the company's project to expand throughout the Asian continent which includes the construction of up to three more hotels set to open between 2018 and 2019. The first will be in the Maldives, where two hotels will be inaugurated, offering a combined total of 422 rooms, including suites constructed over the water. In addition, the chain plans to open its first hotel in the UAE in Dubai in 2019. The hotel will be located on the Deira Islands and will be unique to the area. With 750 rooms, it will be the largest ever constructed and the first to offer a 24-hour all inclusive service.