

NEWS MAKERS

SOUTHWARDS HO!



Lords Hotel & Resorts announced the signing of luxury boutique resort Cheruthuruthy Eco Garden in Thrissur, Kerala. The agreement was signed between Pushpendra

R Bansal, MD, Lords Hotels & Resorts and Prem VG with Rishi Puri, VP Lords Hotels & Resorts also present. Spread in 20 acres and located 30 kms from Thrissur town, this 57-room luxury resort offers a stunning view of the river. Underlying its luxury quotient, the property boasts of butterfly farms, two swimming pools and specially built Couple Spa. Perfectly positioned against the large expanse of rubber plantation and nature trails, it can be a perfect abode for a break.

EXPANDING PORTFOLIO

InterContinental Hotels Group announced the opening of two Holiday Inn Express® Hotels: Holiday Inn Express® Chennai, Old Mahabalipuram Road and Holiday Inn Express® New Delhi, International Airport Terminal 3. Shantha de Silva, head, South West

Asia, IHG, said, "Holiday Inn Express is really gaining momentum in India. We're excited to be opening the doors of these two hotels and we're confident they will be the number one choice for smart travellers visiting New Delhi and Chennai."

Expedia appointed Simon Fiquet as GM for South East Asia and India. As a part of APAC management team, Fiquet will be responsible for expanding the brand's footprint, P&L and strategic business direction for Expedia brand across 7 point of sales. Based out of Singapore, he will manage operational execution, introduction of innovative products and the overall business results for Expedia.

JUNGLE BOOK



A new property has been launched - Vannraj by Ayana, operated by Ayana Hospitality, a joint venture between the Mantis Group (South Africa) and the ICS Group (India). Appropriately named as the "King of the Forest", the lodge provides the perfect base camp for discerning wildlife enthusiasts to experience the central Indian

forest. Located within 22 acres of deciduous forest, the lodge blends in with the surrounding landscape and indigenous vegetation with minimal impact on the surrounding flora and fauna. It is a celebration of local vernacular architecture as each independent cottage provides large indoor and outdoor spaces allowing the guests to interact with the nature and ensuring a private and exclusive experience. It's combination of three room cottages - Machaan, Traditional cottage and Presidential suite.

TRUE WELLNESS

Atmantan is India's true integrated luxury wellness centre

Atmantan, the exclusive wellness centre located in the verdant region of Mulshi, Pune is promoted by Sparsh Infratech Pvt Ltd. This first-of-its-kind wellness destination in the state integrates the traditional Indian healing practices with international therapies and modern fitness techniques that all translate into the holistic healing of the mind, body and soul. It even brings forth its values of warm Indian hospitality to all its guests. Conceptualised by ex-Ironman tri-athlete, Nikhil Kapur, and his wife, pranac healer, Sharmilee Agarwal Kapur, it is the amalgamation of Atma (soul), Mana (mind), and Tann (body) that encompasses the Atmantan's integrated approach to wellness. This can be achieved by creating the perfect equilibrium of wholesome wellness for the guests, physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially.

The 106-room retreat-only wellness centre offers 08 scientifically researched and customised all-inclusive wellness programs. The first phase of Atmantan is launched with 73 rooms including a single bedroom villa. Tucked in the crystalline Sahyadri Mountains and overlooking the pristine Mulshi Lake, it is spread over 40 acres of lush valley. The land's healing frequencies and breathtaking landscape makes it the perfect retreat centre to enable transformation of the mind, body and soul.

The accommodation, which encapsulates the idyllic environment, and blends into the natural landscape of the land includes, 80 garden facing rooms (370-418 square feet), 24 lake and mountain facing rooms (440-650 square feet), a one-bedroom villa (1500 square feet), and a two-bedroom villa (2,500 square feet). The private villas each also include a infinity pool, personal gymnasium, couple spa room, sauna and steam facilities, and a butler pantry.

