



Huazhu Group Limited Announces Its Preliminary Results for Hotel Operation in the Second Quarter of 2019

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- Net revenue for 2019 Q2 is expected to increase by 13%-15% year-over-year, in-line with guidance;
- Our hotel pipeline further accelerated to historical high of 1,553 at 2019 Q2.

SHANGHAI, China, July 16, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Huazhu Group Limited (NASDAQ: HTHT) ("Huazhu", or the "Company"), a leading and fast-growing multi-brand hotel group in China, today announced its preliminary results for the hotel operation in the second quarter ended June 30, 2019.

Hotel Development

	Number of hotels in operation				Number of rooms in operation	
	Opened	Closed (1)	Net added	As of	Net added	As of
	in Q2 2019	in Q2 2019	in Q2 2019	June 30, 2019	in Q2 2019	June 30, 2019
Leased and owned hotels	8	(10)	(2)	696	(587)	87,179
Manachised and franchised hotels	303	(32)	271	3,969	24,269	376,117
Total	311	(42)	269	4,665	23,682	463,296

(1) Reasons for closures include property-related issues, operating loss and non-compliance issues. In Q2 2019, 20 hotels were temporarily closed for brand upgrade.

	As of June 30, 2019	
	Number of hotels in operation	Number of hotels in pipeline
Economy hotels	2,990	433
Leased and owned hotels	435	2
Manachised and franchised hotels	2,555	431
Midscale and upscale hotels	1,675	1,120
Leased and owned hotels	261	53
Manachised and franchised hotels	1,414	1,067
Total	4,665	1,553

Operating Metrics

	For the quarter ended			
	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2019	yoy change
<i>Average daily room rate (in RMB)</i>				
Leased and owned hotels	270	258	281	4.3 %
Manachised hotels	212	210	224	5.8 %
Franchised hotels	248	237	246	-0.7 %
Blended	226	221	236	4.4 %
<i>Occupancy rate (as a percentage)</i>				
Leased and owned hotels	91.4	% 83.6	% 89.4	% -1.9pp
Manachised hotels	89.8	% 80.5	% 87.1	% -2.8pp
Franchised hotels	78.7	% 68.6	% 75.1	% -3.6pp
Blended	89.6	% 80.6	% 86.9	% -2.7pp
<i>RevPAR (in RMB)</i>				
Leased and owned hotels	246	216	252	2.1 %
Manachised hotels	190	169	195	2.5 %
Franchised hotels	195	162	185	-5.2 %
Blended	203	178	206	1.3 %

Business Update by Segment

Hotel breakdown by brand

	Number of hotels in operation	
	Net added in Q2 2019	As of June 30, 2019
Economy hotels	74	2,990
HanTing Hotel	28	2,331
Hi Inn	16	415
Elan Hotel	37	244
Orange Hotel ⁽²⁾	(7)	0
Midscale and upscale hotels	195	1,675
Ji Hotel	55	666
Starway Hotel	35	265
Joya Hotel	0	6
Manxin Hotels & Resorts	7	35
HanTing Premium Hotel	38	129
Ibis Hotel	10	159
Ibis Styles Hotel	7	44
Mercure Hotel	7	52
Novotel Hotel	2	9
Grand Mercure	1	8
Orange Select	27	216
Crystal Orange	6	66
Blossom Hill	0	20
Total	269	4,665

(2) Orange Hotel was rebranded as Orange Select in Q2 2019.

Same-hotel operational data by segment

	Number of hotels in operation		Same-hotel RevPAR			Same-hotel ADR			Same-hotel Occupancy		
	As of June 30,		For the quarter ended June 30,		yoy change	For the quarter ended June 30,		yoy change	For the quarter ended June 30,		yoy change (p.p.)
	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
Economy hotels	2,489	2,489	175	171	-2.0	% 185	187	0.9	% 94.3	% 91.6	% -2.7
Leased hotels	424	424	189	191	0.6	% 202	206	2.1	% 94.0	% 92.7	% -1.4
Manachised and franchised hotels	2,065	2,065	171	166	-2.7	% 181	182	0.6	% 94.4	% 91.3	% -3.0
Midscale and upscale hotels	788	788	278	272	-2.4	% 325	323	-0.7	% 85.5	% 84.1	% -1.4
Leased and owned hotels	179	179	346	334	-3.5	% 392	383	-2.2	% 88.5	% 87.3	% -1.2
Manachised and franchised hotels	609	609	251	247	-1.8	% 298	298	0.0	% 84.3	% 82.8	% -1.5
Total	3,277	3,277	206	202	-2.1	% 225	226	0.4	% 91.7	% 89.3	% -2.3

About Huazhu Group Limited

Huazhu Group Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor in China. As of June 30, 2019, the Company had 4,665 hotels or 463,296 rooms in operation. With a primary focus on economy and midscale hotel segments, Huazhu's brands include Hi Inn, Elan Hotel, HanTing Hotel, HanTing Premium Hotel, Ji Hotel, Starway Hotel, Manxin Hotel, Joya Hotel, Orange Hotel Select, Crystal Orange Hotel and Blossom Hill. The Company also has the rights as master franchisee for Mercure, Ibis and Ibis Styles, and co-development rights for Grand Mercure and Novotel, in Pan-China region. The Company's business includes leased and owned, manachised and franchised models. Under the lease and ownership model, the Company directly operates hotels typically located on leased or owned properties. Under the manachise model, the Company manages manachised hotels through the on-site hotel managers it appoints and collects fees from franchisees. Under the franchise model, the Company provides training, reservation and support services to the franchised hotels and collects fees from franchisees but does not appoint on-site hotel managers. The Company applies a consistent standard and platform across all of its hotels. As of June 30, 2019, Huazhu Group operates 19 percent of its hotel rooms under lease and ownership model, 81 percent under manachise and franchise models.

For more information, please visit the Company's website: <http://ir.huazhu.com>.

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