

# StayWell



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Media Release

## StayWell Holdings Announces First Leisure Inn Southern India, Kochi

- StayWell Holdings have today announced the signing of a new hotel in Kochi, Kerala
- Leisure Inn VKL Kochi located in the heart of the city will be launched in the last quarter of 2018
- This property will be the second hotel in Southern India and first Leisure Inn in Kochi

One of Asia Pacific's largest hotel management groups, StayWell Holdings, has announced it will further expand its Leisure Inn portfolio in India, with the opening of Leisure Inn VKL Kochi scheduled to launch in the last quarter of 2018.

The 53-room hotel will signify a number of milestones for StayWell Holdings, marking the Group's second property in Southern India, following the recent opening of Park Regis Aveda in Kumarakom and the first Leisure Inn to open post the acquisition of StayWell Holdings by Prince Hotels Inc.

Overlooking the Chilavanoor Lake, Leisure Inn VKL Kochi is located in one of the principal tourist destinations of Kerala and plays witness to an intriguing mix of culture and architecture.

**Mr. Simon Wan, President & Director, StayWell Holdings**, said "We are looking forward to widening our reach in the Southern market. Kochi is a metropolitan hub of Kerala and the hotel will offer a unique experience to tourists and business travellers in the region. We are pleased to extend our partnership with the hotel owner, Dr. Varghese Kurian, with the opening of Park Regis Lotus Hotel Bahrain early this year and now Leisure Inn VKL Kochi in India.

We are committed to offering our guests a range of options when it comes to business and leisure stays at our hotels, and we will continue to look for opportunities to expand our brands, both in India and internationally," he further added.

**Rohit Vig, Managing Director at StayWell Hospitality Group India** said, "Guests' expectations are changing in the wake of new advances being made in the hospitality sector. From unbreakable connectivity, through to the design of hotels, today's guests look for an unmatched hospitality experience when booking their stay, with aspects like comfort and convenience a minimum expectation nowadays. At Leisure Inn VKL Kochi, we understand our guest's needs and aim to deliver on this. It's a great addition to the StayWell portfolio."

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On this tie-up with StayWell Holdings, **Dr. Varghese Kurian, Owner Leisure Inn VKL Kochi** said, "We are excited to further extend our partnership and open a hotel in India post the successful opening of Park Regis Lotus Hotel Bahrain and look forward to the opening of the hotel.

Together we aim to offer a new set of services, I am certain that the hotel will offer an unmatched hospitality and par excellence service to our guests."

Leisure Inn VKL Kochi, will be the seventh operational property in India for the Group, which includes Park Regis Aveda, Kumarakom, Park Regis Jaipur, Park Regis Goa, Leisure Inn Grand Chanakya, Jaipur, Leisure Inn West Gurgaon and Leisure Inn Shrey, Jodhpur.

### **About StayWell Holdings:**

One of the largest hotel management groups in Asia Pacific, StayWell Holdings, and its parent company Prince Hotels Inc., offers a diverse portfolio of properties across a combined network of 74 open and operating hotels worldwide.

Prince Hotels & Resorts and StayWell's combined brand offerings include The Prince Akatoki, The Prince, Grand Prince Hotel, Policy, Park Regis, Prince Hotel, Leisure Inn Plus, Prince Smart Inn, and Leisure Inn. Each brand offers guests quality experiences ranging from luxury to lifestyle though to midscale.

Prince Hotels & Resorts and StayWell have set a strategic goal to deliver 250 hotels in the medium to long term. The expansion of both company brands will take place across the regions of Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Oceania, the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

Prince Hotels operate a combined network of 50 hotels, 31 golf courses and 9 ski resorts. StayWell has an existing network of 24 open and operating hotels and a further 15 hotels that are committed and opening over the next few years. In addition, StayWell has two key strategic partners being Manhattan Hotel Group in China (19 hotels) and Cristal Group in the Middle East (11 hotels).

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