

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts signs two new hotels in Vietnam and Philippines.

New additions bring number of hotels under development in Asia up to 18 as company's regional expansion continues.

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts is stepping up its ambitious global expansion with a continued focus on Asia and the announcement that it is to manage two new hotels in Vietnam and the Philippines.

The new properties are the strikingly contemporary new Mövenpick Resort & Spa, Quy Nhon, in Vietnam and the soaring tower of Mövenpick Hotel Makati, Makati City, part of Metro Manila in the Philippines.

“We already operate seven hotels in Asia including two in Thailand, two in Vietnam and one each in the Philippines, India and Singapore, but the new properties will bring the number of hotels we have under development in Asia up to 18,” said Andreas Mattmüller, chief operating officer for Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts Middle East and Asia. “Our vision is to operate 25 hotels in the region by 2015.”

The move is in line with the upscale Swiss hospitality company's strategy to create a balanced portfolio of approximately 25 hotels in each of the regions where it operates – Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

The new properties are impressive additions to the worldwide portfolio of Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts which currently operates 72 hotels and has a further 30 projects under development – from Paris to Palawan.

The Mövenpick Resort & Spa, Quy Nhon is the company's third hotel in Vietnam following openings in Saigon and Hanoi. The new resort will be built to the highest environmentally sustainable standards on an isolated cliff overlooking the beach and pristine corals of the South China Sea. It is scheduled to open at the end of 2015.

In addition to the innovative contemporary design of the nine-storey central building, the 180-room resort will feature 52 individual cliff and hill villas, a spa, a 600 sqm (6,458 sq ft) ballroom, boardrooms, a large variety of restaurants, cafés and bars, extensive pools and tropical gardens, boat jetty, gym and even a wedding studio and wind power station.

The Mövenpick Hotel Makati, meanwhile, is set to open in 2016 and is the third property to be operated by the Swiss company in the Philippines after the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Cebu and a stunning new fusion of eco-adventure and lifestyle on the exclusive Huma Island, Palawan.

Based in the striking Mövenpick Hotel & Residences Tower, to be built in the heart of Makati City in fashionable Picar Place, the new hotel will feature 304 rooms and suites as well as 250 residences.

In addition to a 300-seat all-day dining restaurant, the hotel will also enjoy Chinese and Japanese outlets, a panoramic rooftop venue and a bar with entertainment lounge. A striking 1,200 sqm (12,916 sq ft) ballroom and a variety of multi-function rooms will undoubtedly make the hotel a centre of attention for major events.

“The announcement of these two significant management contracts comes at an exciting time for Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts,” said Andreas Mattmüller.

This year the company will open the doors to two of its newest hotels; the recently renovated 286-room Mövenpick Suriwongse Hotel Chiang Mai in the centre of the city's legendary night bazaar and a Mövenpick property in Huma Island, a private island in the stunning Philippine archipelago of Palawan.

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