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PROFILE

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The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts is owned and managed by Hotel Leelaventure Limited which was established in 1983 in Mumbai. The company is part of The Leela Group whose portfolio includes hotel and resort properties; IT and business parks; as well as, real estate development.

Spearheading the group is the dynamic chairman, Capt C. P. Krishnan Nair, whose vision has been inspired by his strong belief in India's ability to compete with the best in the world. Born on 9 February 1922, in Kannur, Kerala, India, Nair's chequered career graph has led him to a path of spectacular success. From starting the first Students' Union while at school to joining the army during World War II and later taking over the reins of his father-in-law's handloom business in 1951 - only to make it into the country's largest garment exporting house - Nair's story is one of someone who has worked hard, relentlessly, towards a focused goal.

His many business trips abroad to Europe and America exposed him to hotels with high service standards, inspiring him to enter the hospitality industry. At the age of 65, he started to build the Leela Group of hotels which today has become one of the most celebrated Indian hospitality groups in the five-star luxury segment.

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts comprise a collection of luxury hotels and resorts in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Gurgaon-Delhi N.C.R., Udaipur, Goa, and Kovalam (Kerala). New hotels will soon open in Chennai (2012); with plans to develop hotels in Agra, Lake Ashtamudi (Kerala) and Jaipur.

The Group has marketing alliances with Germany based Kempinski (Hoteliers since 1897); US based Preferred Hotel Group and are members of Global Hotel Alliance based in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Leela aims to provide discerning business and leisure travellers with memorable and relaxed stays in an ambience that exemplifies the essence of India. The India experience across the hotels and resorts is the signature promise that bonds the Group's underlying philosophy, which is to delight and exceed guest expectations through gracious Indian hospitality, laid down in the ancient Indian scriptures as '*Atithi Devo Bhava*' or 'guest is God'.

Whether it is a business meeting being conducted at any one of the Group's hotels or a holiday at one of its famed resorts, a guest can be assured of a stay that is truly unique and exceptional.

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