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Hotel Labuan, Halal Hub building among assets on leasing offer

Leasing offer opens for the development of long-abandoned assets including Halal Hub and the 10-storey Hotel Labuan under the management of Labuan Corporation (LC). The leasing offer for 10 assets for period ranging from 13 to 39 years (for commercial purposes) commenced on January 19 and valid until March 3.

Eight other assets and those under the management of the local authority in the list for leasing are old market site, idle lands next to Hotel Labuan and Urban Transformation Centre (UTC) Pasar Sentral building, idle land at Jalan OKK Awang Besar, near Saguking Jalan Patau-Patau, at Jalan Ranche-Ranche and the popular tourist attraction of Pulau Papan.

The 8.127-hectare Pulau Papan, equipped with several wooden chalets was previously managed by a tourist operator and popular among tourists for sea sports and recreational activities, snorkelling, island hopping and camping. [READ MORE](#)



Langkawi travel bubble extended until country's border reopening

The Langkawi International Travel Bubble (LITB) is extended until the country's border reopening with an enhanced standard procedure (SOP), effective Wednesday (Feb 16).

The SOP includes allowing tourists who have received the booster shot to leave Langkawi Island on the fifth day if the Covid-19 real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or RTK antigen test is negative on the fourth and fifth day, respectively.

The SOP also stipulates that it is compulsory for foreign tourists to purchase an insurance policy worth US\$50,000 (RM209mil) for Covid-19 and travelling while Malaysians staying abroad are exempted from this condition. [READ MORE](#)

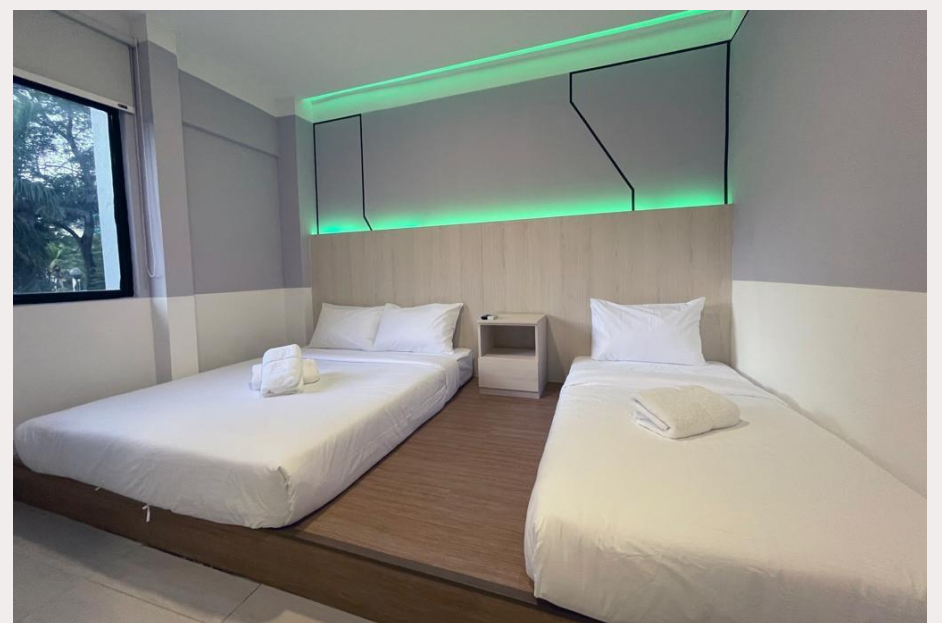


Unmanned Gaming Hotel Opens in Malaysia

If you are looking for an unconventional getaway to wind down with friends and family this weekend, a gaming hotel has just opened its doors in Malaysia.

Located in Sunway City, Selangor, GG Hotel features a number of amenities that provide gamers with a more casual space, including arcade machines, a pool table and a PlayStation 5.

There are several types of rooms available and each one is equipped with stylish ambient light with adjustable colors. It is also an unmanned hotel, meaning guests can do everything from reserving a room to checking in by using GG Hotel's Self Service kiosk. [READ MORE](#)



Four Seasons to open hotel in Australia's tallest tower

Four Seasons has announced plans to open a hotel in Melbourne, marking the group's second property in Australia.

Four Seasons Hotel Melbourne will be located within the forthcoming AUD2.7 billion development STH BNK By Beulah, a dual skyscraper which is set to become both Australia's tallest tower and the tallest vertical garden in the world.

The hotel will feature 210 rooms at the top of the western tower of the twisted structure, with a lobby situated on the 63rd floor offering panoramic views of the city skyline, beachfront and Royal Botanical Gardens. The hotel will also feature health and wellness facilities, a rooftop restaurant and multiple event spaces.

Construction is set to begin later this year and will take approximately five years to complete. [READ MORE](#)



Wyndham Plans To Launch New Economy Extended-Stay Brand This Spring

Wyndham Hotels & Resorts is on track to launch its first extended-stay brand for the economy segment later this spring. President and CEO Geoff Ballotti announced the new brand during the company's investor call to discuss fourth-quarter and full-year 2021 results.

The segment, he said, has proven itself to be both “recession- and pandemic-proof,” and demand for more extended-stay options is growing: “We've seen, in our upper-midscale extended-stay brand, Hawthorn Suites, a 50% increase in our pipeline over the last year and we know that demand is up there for an extended-stay economy brand.”

The company assembled a council of extended-stay developers to help determine the new brand's design, room counts, operational processes and to figure out a prototype that they would want to build themselves. [READ MORE](#)

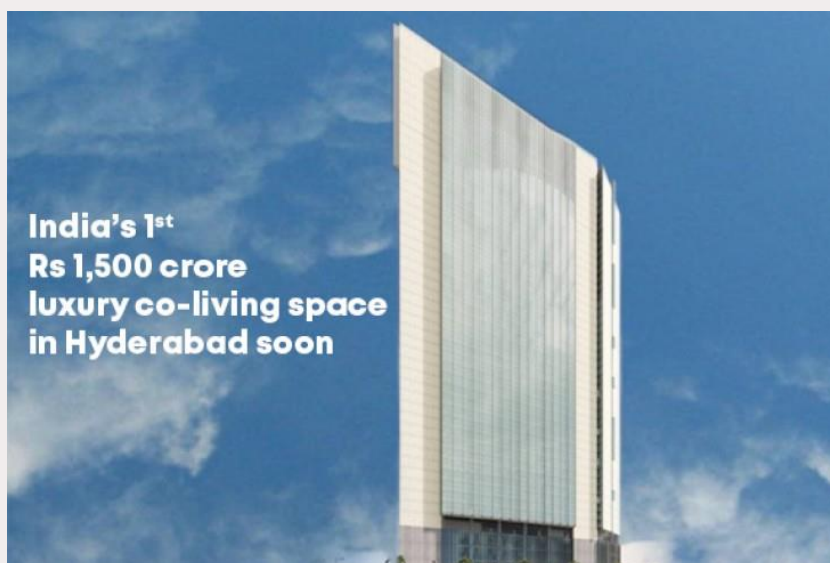


India's 1st Rs 1,500 crore luxury co-living space in Hyderabad soon

Soon, Hyderabad will house India's first 47-storey luxury co-living space, Hyderabad One (H1), complete with deluxe rooms, a terrace lounge, seven-star bar, celebrity gym and a host of other elite frills.

The ₹1,500 crores project, certified by TS-RERA, modeled by esteemed international architecture firm **Chapman Taylor**, is foreseen to launch in 2026.

Bhavisya Gupta, Founder and Managing Director of Sensation Infracon Private Limited said they are partnering with **global hospitality major Oakwood** to manage the project. The letter of intent has been signed and the ultimate management contract will be endorsed shortly. H1 is going to be the world's tallest co-living space at 160 meters. [READ MORE](#)



WHAT'S IN STORE

- Rooms will be either 397 sft or 546 sft in size, all twin sharing
- Will be fully furnished with furniture, kitchenette, microwave etc
- Every resident will have to go through a thorough background check

SAFETY FIRST

- Women will have access to panic button
- Residents who alert management about drug abuse will be awarded

