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YTL HOTELS EXPANDS ITS GLOBAL FOOTPRINT WITH LANDMARK ACQUISITION IN NEW ZEALAND

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 28 OCTOBER 2025 – YTL Hotels announced its first hotel investment in New Zealand with the acquisition of the 225-room Hotel Indigo, Auckland, marking another significant milestone in the Group's international growth.

In September 2025, the New Zealand Overseas Investment Office granted consent for YTL's acquisition of the property in a NZD \$160 million deal. The agreement includes a 25-year hotel management contract with IHG Hotels & Resorts, solidifying YTL Hotels' long-term commitment to the region's tourism and hospitality sector.

This acquisition represents the second-largest hotel transaction on record in New Zealand this year, underscoring the Group's confidence in the country's resilient visitor economy and thriving urban destinations.

"I'd like to congratulate YTL on its investment decision which is a clear vote of confidence in our visitor economy and our cities. YTL is an integrated infrastructure developer with a significant footprint in Asia and an important relationship for New Zealand. We see many opportunities for YTL's expertise, and I look forward to them investing further in New Zealand," said Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who was here in Kuala Lumpur recently for the 47th ASEAN Summit.

Located in the heart of Auckland, Hotel Indigo features 225 thoughtfully designed guest rooms and vibrant social spaces that capture the city's creative energy and local character. Operated under IHG's Hotel Indigo brand, it reflects the brand's distinctive design philosophy of drawing inspiration from each neighbourhood's unique story.

"We are delighted to mark YTL Hotels' first investment in New Zealand with the acquisition of Hotel Indigo Auckland. At YTL Hotels, we have always sought to create *Treasure Places, Treasured Moments* – destinations that connect people and celebrate their surroundings. We see that same spirit here in New Zealand. This milestone reflects our confidence in the country's visitor economy and our commitment to building lasting partnerships that bring meaningful value to the communities we invest in," said Dato Mark Yeoh, Executive Director, YTL Hotels.

The addition of Hotel Indigo Auckland strengthens YTL Hotels' growing portfolio across Asia and the Pacific. Recent highlights include the opening of AC Hotel by Marriott Ipoh (Jan 2025), Moxy Kuala Lumpur, Chinatown (Apr 2025), AC Hotel Puchong (opening December 2025), Moxy Niseko (opening end 2026), and The Rawai Phuket (opening 2027), as well as the acquisition of Thistle Hotel, Johor Bahru.

Through this latest investment, YTL Hotels continues to reinforce its reputation for long-term, high-quality developments that celebrate local identity while delivering world-class hospitality experiences.

For more information on YTL Hotels, please visit www.ytlhotels.com.

About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences, and Spa Villages, with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. With over 35 properties and more than 7,000 rooms, YTL Hotels continues to redefine luxury and authentic experiences across the globe. Notable properties include Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the World's Best Resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK and ranked among the Top 20 Best Resorts in Asia in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's prestigious collection, was ranked the 6th Best Hotel in the UK in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveller Awards. It has also been consistently listed as one of the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in both the 2022 and 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. Additionally, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa in the UK and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, have earned the prestigious Michelin Key. The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui was recognised in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US as one of the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand. Furthermore, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have been named in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest as some of the Most Incredible Hotels in the World.

YTL Hotels' portfolio embodies the brand's promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" and includes the ownership and management of several Marriott International properties in Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Australia. This also encompasses distinctive hotels under the Autograph Collection and AC Hotels banners. Notable properties within the Marriott International partnership include The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur, and Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur. The collaboration further features prominent hotels like The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, which was named one of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021. As Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it plays a key role in YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #YTLTravels.

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