

## China: Accor with 30+ new hotels in China until 2015



Accor announced the signing of 31 new hotel contracts: 1 Sofitel, 9 Pullman hotels, 5 Mei Jue (Grand Mercure), 1 Novotel as well as 15 Ibis hotels, thus adding thousands of new rooms to their China portfolio. The Pullman Zhoushan Seaview, a 22-storey hotel with sea views will open in 2015.

The contract for the Mei Jue Foshan Changcheng, situated in the center of Foshan in the southern Guangdong Province, is Accor's first hotel committed in Foshan and of strategic importance for Accor, because the city is in one of China's most dynamic regions and became the third largest manufacturing base in China. Figures from the China Hotel Association predict a huge hotel development potential in the future.

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## Germany: Conventions are Big Business in Berlin

Berlin has become the location of choice for those holding conventions and meetings, according to the results of the 2012 convention statistics. 123,900 events were held in 2012, involving approximately 10.5 million participants, thus representing a 7% rise in events and an 8% rise in participants compared to 2011. The number of overnight stays also increased by 9% to 6.6 million. The convention business generates more than a quarter of all overnight stays in Berlin, and is therefore an essential economic factor.

Selected highlights of the past year were the EULAR Annual European Congress of Rheumatology, with around 14,700 participants and the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), which brought 18,000 participants to the German capital.

In international comparison, according to the statistics of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), the German capital has become one of the Top 5 leading locations for association meetings since 2004. It is currently ranked fourth.

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Every year more than 70,000 events are held in Hamburg – everything from medical conventions to gala dinners. In 2013 the Hanseatic City will be host to the 96th Lions Convention with 25,000 international delegates.

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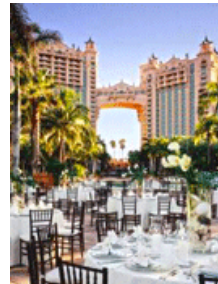
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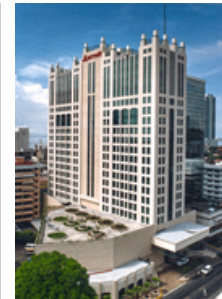
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Hyatt Hotels and Resorts announced that a management agreement with Bangkok-based Grande Asset Hotels and Property Public Company Limited has been signed, to develop the Hyatt Regency Bangkok, Sukhumvit. It is the first Hyatt Regency hotel in Bangkok. The property is expected to open in 2017 and will feature 288 guestrooms, including 26 suites and more than 1,000sqm/10,765 sqft of meeting space, including a ballroom. The hotel will also offer a spa, a fitness center, a swimming pool and a club lounge.  
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