

# Hilton increases presence in Africa with Hilton Lagos Airport

Hilton has signed a management agreement with Quality Inspection & Testing Services Limited (QUITS) at AHIF 2016 in Rwanda, to open a 350 guest room and suite hotel at Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Nigeria. The hotel, set to open in 2023, is another addition to Hilton's growing African portfolio of more than 80 properties trading or in the development pipeline, which will see Hilton more than double its presence across Africa in the next 3-5 years.



“With a population of more than 16 million, Lagos is the seventh-fastest growing city in the world and the second largest in Africa, with much of the nation's wealth and economic activity concentrated here,” said Patrick Fitzgibbon, senior vice president, development, EMEA, Hilton Worldwide. “Strong growth is forecasted in both domestic and international travellers using Murtala Muhammed International Airport, so this exemplary new hotel will be well placed to meet traveller’s needs, offering an unparalleled level of design, comfort, and service.”

## A period of exciting growth

The hotel will be situated within close proximity to Ikeja, the capital of Lagos State, as well as the passenger terminals at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, which service travellers flying to hundreds of destinations around the world.

Sam Iwuajoku, chairman and CEO of QUITS, said: “The signing of the agreement to open Hilton Lagos Airport is testament to a period of exciting growth and development for Lagos. Our plans to build an exceptional hotel at the international airport will revolutionise the traveller experience and also offer a state-of-the-art choice for conferences, meetings, and events. We look forward to a very successful collaboration with Hilton Worldwide on this outstanding development.”

## Hilton Lagos Airport

Hilton Lagos Airport will comprise 350 guest rooms, of which 72 are suites, an executive floor and multiple food and beverage outlets, including a restaurant serving international cuisine, a specialty restaurant, a fashionable rooftop cocktail bar, and a hip night club. An elevated pool deck, with lavish gardens and a striking horizon pool overhanging the side of the property, provides breath-taking views of the surroundings and a unique leisure experience for an airport property. The hotel will also feature a spa and fitness centre.



Business travellers and event planners will benefit from a wide choice of professional facilities across the 2,600sqm event space, including a 1,350sqm ballroom and 500sqm junior ballroom.

This signing is in addition to the recent signing of Legend Hotel Lagos Airport, Curio Collection by Hilton, also with QUITs, with an additional 76 guest rooms to be added, bringing the room count up to 130-keys. These properties represent the two most recent hotels signed at Lagos Airport in some time. The Curio hotel, due to open during 2017, will be the first within the airport environment giving guests and airline passengers alike unrivalled ease of access to the airport's facilities.

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