

# CHINA LODGING GROUP, LTD

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Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the month of January 2017**

Commission File Number: **001-34656**

**China Lodging Group, Limited**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**China Lodging Group, Limited**  
(Registrant)

Date: January 17, 2017

/s/ Min (Jenny) Zhang  
Min (Jenny) Zhang  
Chief Executive Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	China Lodging Group, Limited Announces Its Preliminary Results for Hotel Operation in the Fourth Quarter of 2016

**China Lodging Group, Limited Announces Its Preliminary Results for Hotel Operation in the Fourth Quarter of 2016**

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- China Lodging Group, Limited (NASDAQ:HTHT) ("China Lodging Group", "Huazhu", or the "Company"), a leading and fast-growing multi-brand hotel group in China, today announced its preliminary results for the hotel operation in the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016.

**Operating Metrics**

	December 31, 2015	For the quarter ended September 30, 2016	December 31, 2016
<i>Occupancy rate (as a per centage)</i>			
Leased and owned hotels	86%	90%	86%
Manachised hotels	84%	89%	85%
Franchised hotels	67%	74%	68%
Blended	84%	89%	85%
<i>Average daily room rate <sup>(1)</sup> (in RMB)</i>			
Leased and owned hotels	201	217	211
Manachised hotels	167	186	178
Franchised hotels	172	194	180
Blended	177	194	186
<i>RevPAR <sup>(1)</sup> (in RMB)</i>			
Leased and owned hotels	172	195	181
Manachised hotels	141	166	152
Franchised hotels	116	144	123
Blended	149	173	158

*(1) Value-added tax ("VAT") has been implemented for hospitality industry to replace business tax in China, effective May 1, 2016. The Company's room rates quoted and received from customers are tax-inclusive (business tax or VAT) before and after the implementation of VAT. For comparison purposes, the ADR and RevPAR disclosed in this release are based on the tax-inclusive rates.*

Like-for-like performance for leased and manachised hotels opened for at least 18 months during the current quarter

	As of and for the quarter ended December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	yoy change
Total	2,205	2,205	
Leased hotels	583	583	
Manachised and franchised hotels	1,622	1,622	
Occupancy rate (as a percentage)	86%	87%	0.7%
Average daily room rate (in RMB)	177	180	1.6%
RevPAR (in RMB)	153	157	2.5%

**Same-hotel operational data by segment**

	Number of hotels in operation		Same-hotel RevPAR For the quarter ended			Same-hotel ADR For the quarter ended			Same-hotel Occupancy For the quarter ended		
	As of December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	yoy change	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	yoy change	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	yoy change
<b>Economy hotels</b>	1,999	1,999	143	144	1.0%	165	165	0.2%	87%	87%	0.7%

Leased hotels	511	511	149	151	0.9%	175	175	0.3%	86%	86%	0.5%
Manachised and franchised hotels	1,488	1,488	140	141	1.1%	160	161	0.2%	87%	88%	0.8%
<b>Midscale and upscale hotels</b>	206	206	231	251	8.9%	274	295	7.6%	84%	85%	1.0%
Leased hotels	72	72	276	301	9.3%	307	336	9.4%	90%	90%	-0.1%
Manachised and franchised hotels	134	134	195	211	8.2%	245	259	5.8%	79%	81%	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

### Hotel Development

	Number of hotels in operation				Number of rooms in operation	
	Opened in Q4 2016	Closed <sup>(2)</sup> in Q4 2016	Net added in Q4 2016	As of December 31, 2016	Net added in Q4 2016	As of December 31, 2016
Leased and owned hotels	10	(11)	(1)	624	1,002	78,160
Manachised and franchised hotels	138	(66)	72	2,645	7,560	253,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>8,562</b>	<b>331,347</b>

(2) The hotel closure in Q4 2016 was high because:

a) In order to increase the product qualities, Huazhu removed 47 hotels related to HanTing, Hi Inn, Elan and Starway from Huazhu's network for incompliances with the brand and operating standards.

b) Other common reasons for hotel closure including contract expiration, rezoning and others.

### Number of hotels in pipeline as of December 31, 2016

Leased hotels	15
Manachised and franchised hotels	427
<b>Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>442</b>

(3) Including 48 hotels under ibis, ibis Styles, Mercure, Grand Mercure and Novotel brands.

### Business Update by Segment

#### Hotel breakdown by segment

	Number of hotels in operation	
	Net added in Q4 2016	As of December 31, 2016
<b>Economy hotels</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,813</b>
HanTing Hotel	32	2,181
Leased hotels	(6)	486
Manachised hotels	38	1,694
Franchised hotels		1
Hi Inn	2	375
Leased hotels		36
Manachised hotels	1	294
Franchised hotels	1	45
Elan Hotel	6	185
Manachised hotels	3	149
Franchised hotels	3	36
ibis Hotel	2	72

Leased hotels	1	14
Manachised hotels	(2)	12
Franchised hotels	3	46
<b>Midscale and upscale hotels</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>456</b>
JI Hotel	28	284
Leased hotels	3	81
Manachised hotels	25	201
Franchised hotels		2
Starway Hotel	(5)	136
Leased hotels		2
Manachised hotels	2	96
Franchised hotels	(7)	38
Joya Hotel	1	6
Leased hotels	1	3
Manachised hotels		3
Manxin Hotels & Resorts	(1)	2
Leased hotels		
Manachised hotels	(1)	2
ibis Styles Hotel	2	10
Manachised hotels	2	7
Franchised hotels		3
Mercure Hotel	4	15
Leased hotels		2
Manachised hotels	4	12
Franchised hotels		1
Novotel Hotel		2
Manachised hotels		1
Franchised hotels		1
Grand Mercure		1
Franchised hotels		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3,269</b>

### About China Lodging Group, Limited

China Lodging Group, Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor in China under 12 brand names. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had 3,269 hotels or 331,347 rooms in operation in 365 cities. With a primary focus on economy and midscale hotel segments, China Lodging Group's brands include Hi Inn, HanTing Hotel, Elan Hotel, JI Hotel, Starway Hotel, Joya Hotel, and Manxin Hotels & Resorts. The Company also has the rights as master franchisee for Mercure, Ibis and Ibis Styles, and co-development rights for Grand Mercure and Novotel, in Pan-China region.

The Company's business includes leased, manachised and franchised models. Under the lease model, the Company directly operates hotels typically located on leased properties. Under the manachise model, the Company manages manachised hotels through the on-site hotel managers it appoints and collects fees from franchisees. Under the franchise model, the Company provides training, reservation and support services to the franchised hotels and collects fees from franchisees but does not appoint on-site hotel managers. The Company applies a consistent standard and platform across all of its hotels. As of December 31, 2016, China Lodging Group operates 24 percent of its hotel rooms under lease model, 76 percent under manachise and franchise models.

For more information, please visit the Company's website: <http://ir.huazhu.com>.

*Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:* The information in this release contains forward-looking statements which involve risks and uncertainties. Such factors and risks include our anticipated growth strategies; our future results of operations and financial condition; the economic conditions of China; the regulatory environment in China; our ability to attract customers and leverage our brand; trends and competition in the lodging industry; the expected growth of the lodging market in China; and other factors and risks detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements, which may be identified by terminology such as "may," "should," "will," "expect," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "forecast," "project," or "continue," the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. Readers should not rely on forward-looking statements as predictions of future events or results.

The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law.

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