



Le Sutra, Mumbai

Situated in Mumbai, Le Sutra, Indian Art hotel, has tried to capture thousands of years of Indian ethos. Sutra in Sanskrit is a rope or thread that hold things together. The three-storeyed hotel is a portraiture of the three universal 'Gunas'. According to Indian scriptural sciences, a 'Guna' is that form of energy which connotes the innate character, complexion and constitution of mind and matter. Although all three Gunas – Sattva, Rajas and Tamas - are present in every individual and object in varying degrees of concentration, only one of the three Gunas predominates at any particular time, thereby typifying the characteristics, personality and temperament of the individual. These are divided in three:

Le Sutra imbibes the Gunas spatially and recreates the concept in in the hotel's design and interiors. Each of its 16 rooms are based on characters of Ravana, Ashoka, and Buddha or characteristics of sensuality, love and purification.

As the seat of influence and power, the 'chair' has been accorded a singular stature and every room has a chair which chronicles the room's theme. Each piece of art either on the floor or the walls or even the furniture is unique and especially commissioned for the theme of the room and each room is itself unique when seen in isolation.

"In the recent past, the industry moved from boutique to

personalised and then to home-décor type hotels where the ambience was interesting but also typical. But soon it became an overplayed card so there was a need to breakthrough the clutter. Moreover, fashion and people preferences change as they have more evolved options to contend with and their desire takes a higher fling. These connoisseurs are looking for newer trends and experiences and we think Le Sutra could be the answer to their search", says the Management Panchayat, that runs the organisation.

The Park Hotels, India

The Park Hotels, located in Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, New Delhi, and Visakhapatnam, are a collection of boutique hotels. The Park, Kolkata opened for business on November 1, 1967 with 150 rooms. The following year a beach-side hotel The Park, Visakhapatnam became the group's second hotel and the first deluxe hotel of Andhra Pradesh. The Park, New Delhi was launched in November 1987, in the heart of the capital on Parliament Street with 224 rooms. The Park, Bangalore, an urban retreat, with 109 rooms was launched in 2000 in the Silicon City of India. The Park, Chennai, with 215 rooms, located on Anna Salai, was launched in May 2002. Currently, a 100-room hotel is under construction in Navi Mumbai to cater to the increasing corporate travel requirements of the region. And the latest entrant is The Park Hyderabad open to business in early 2010. All the hotels lay a very strong emphasis on contemporary design in its private and public spaces.