



Puneet Chhatwal re-elected President of HAI

The executive committee of the Hotel Association of India (HAI) reposes its trust and confidence in the team to unanimously re-elect all office bearers for a consecutive term of two years at the Association's milestone 25th AGM held in New Delhi on the 16th of March

New Delhi, March 21, 2022: Hotel Association of India (HAI), then apex body of the Indian hospitality sector held its milestone 25th Annual General Meet (AGM) in New Delhi on the 16th of March. In addition to adopting and approving the financial results for the year 2020-2021 and appointing auditors for the financial year of 2021-2022, the AGM 's agenda included elections of the Association's executive committee

Mr. Rupak Gupta, Managing Director U.P.Hotels Ltd., and Mr.Surinder Singh, Area Director, IHC Ltd. are the two newly elected committee members. While Mr. Gupta is the nominee for HAI's member hotels in the category of 5star deluxe and 5 star, the hotels classified in the ministry's classification categories of 3 and 4 star would be represented by Mr.Singh.

The AGM was followed by the meeting of the executive committee to elect the four office-bearers. The committee, in recognition of the current team's efforts in the period of the last two extremely difficult pandemic-ridden years, decided unanimously to re-elect the management committee for another consecutive term of two years.

Led by the president, Mr. Puneet Chhatwal Managing Director & CEO The Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (Taj Hotels), the team comprises of Mr. K.B. Kachru (Vice President) Chairman Emeritus & Principal Advisor, South Asia Radisson Hotel Group, Mr. J. K. Mohanty (Hony. Secretary) Managing Director Swosti Premium Limited, Mr. Patu Keswani (Hony. Treasurer) Chairman & Managing Director Lemon Tree Hotels Ltd. and will continue to direct the Association throughout its term of office till 2023.

While welcoming the new members and congratulating the team, Secretary-General, M.P.Bezbaruah expressed that continuity will strengthen HAI's many new initiatives to forcefully voice the interest of the industry.

HAI, had earlier met tourism minister Mr. Minister Shri. G. Kishan Reddy with a single point agenda to re-iterate its request for according hotels the status of 'Infrastructure'. The Ministry and the government have acknowledged the Industry's long-standing demand and have recently initiated a dialogue to address the same.

The industry is on the road to recovery at the back of domestic tourism. The recent announcement of the resumption of regular international passenger flights from 27th March will aid the recovery further



About HAI

Established in 1996, the Hotel Association of India (HAI) is the apex organization of the Indian Hospitality industry. With its membership extending from the major hotel groups, boutique hotels, heritage hotels, large, medium sized and smaller hotels, it represents the entire spectrum of the industry. Its Executive Committee is a potent combination of the commitment of hotel owners on one hand and hard-core professionalism of hotel managers on the other.

