

## Hilton Worldwide to construct a hotel in Nigerian capital Lagos

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Hilton Worldwide has announced the signing of a management agreement with a Nigerian firm, Quality Inspection & Testing Services Limited (QUITS), to open a 350-guestroom and suite hotel in Nigerian capital Lagos.

The hotel will be constructed at Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport.

The agreement, which was signed at AHIF 2016 in Rwanda, is set to open in 2023 and joins 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 three to five years, said the hotel group in a statement yesterday.

"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 activities concentrated here," said Patrick Fitzgibbon, Senior Vice-President, Development, EMEA, Hilton Worldwide.

"Strong growth is forecast for 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," he added.

The hotel in Nigerian capital Lagos, 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 services travellers flying to hundreds of destinations around the world.

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Mr. 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 will comprise 350 guestrooms, 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.