

2,400 hotel rooms to open in Abu Dhabi in 2016

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A report has revealed that 2,400 new hotel rooms will open in Abu Dhabi throughout 2016.

According to the Abu Dhabi Hotel Market Summary report by JLL, 200 rooms opened in Q2 2016 with the soft opening of the Four Seasons on Al Maryah Island in May, and an additional 2,200 rooms are forecast to be added to the market by the end of the year.

It is predicted that hotel room supply in Abu Dhabi is “expected to reach almost 26,000 rooms by the end of 2019”.

New hotel openings anticipated for the emirate by the close of 2016 include the Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl; Gloria Downtown Hotel; and Bab Al Qasr.

The 677-key Bab Al Qasr will open in Q3 2016 and Francois Kassab, COO of Millennium & Copthorne Middle East and Africa, said: “Our first hotel in the region was in Abu Dhabi back in 2002 and as the Emirate has grown so has our regional presence.

“With more than 27 properties in the region and three properties in the UAE capital, we are very excited to be adding a flagship property to our UAE portfolio.

“Abu Dhabi has seen an impressive growth in tourism, receiving 4.1 million tourists last year, up 18 per cent on the previous year.”