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India's first and largest chain of upscale hotels and resorts, Lemon Tree Hotels was recently conferred with the prestigious Times Travel Academy award- "Best Mid Range Hotel" for 2011. The Academy comprised over 100 Travel industry CXOs from the leading Travel and Tourism companies who voted for their favorite brand.

Rahul Pandit, President & Chief Operating Officer, Lemon Tree Hotels said, "This award is of special importance to us as it signifies the appreciation given to us by our peers from the hospitality and travel industry." He added. "Lemon Tree Hotels has worked towards being a pioneer in the upscale/mid range segment and this award encourages us to take our efforts up a notch." Lemon Tree Hotels is one of India's fastest growing hotel chains and currently own and operates an inventory of over 1500 rooms across 15 properties. The brand's profitable growth has been driven by an end-to-end business model, which has led to a 60 per cent year-on-year growth in rooms over the past five years. By 2013, 2800 rooms in 20 hotels across 15 cities, Lemon Tree Hotels will own over 2 per cent of all hotel rooms in the country.

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