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# SRI LANKA ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2025

**GATEWAY  
TO GROWTH**

ASIA'S EMERGING  
OPPORTUNITY

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2025

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL - COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

# GATEWAY TO GROWTH

## ASIA'S EMERGING OPPORTUNITY

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025  
Shangri-La, Colombo

*Register Now!*

Sri Lanka is transitioning from economic stabilisation to accelerated, inclusive growth, focusing on private sector-led development, strategic investments, and export expansion to boost national output and per capita income.

Hosted by The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, this two-day summit aims to:

- Showcase reforms and new growth drivers
- Highlight foreign direct investment (FDI) and market opportunities
- Facilitate engagement with policymakers and private sector leaders

**Key features include:**

- Sessions with senior government officials, business leaders, global experts, and investors
- Focus on Ports, Logistics and Value Added Services, Capital market, Tourism, Diversified Exports such as Value Added Agri Products, Electronics, IT, Pharmaceuticals etc.
- Insights from foreign and local investors
- Exclusive networking, one-on-one investor meetings, sector hubs with regulatory agencies, and site visits

This summit is a prime platform where Sri Lanka's growth potential meets global investment opportunity

# Why You Should Attend



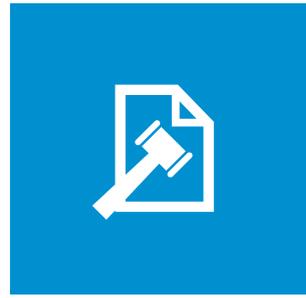
## Why Sri Lanka

Understand what makes Sri Lanka an attractive investment destination



## Specific Investment Opportunities

Access information on FDI projects, listed companies and private equity placements



## Regulatory Environment

Learn first-hand about the policy framework and legislative landscape for investing in Sri Lanka



## Networking Opportunity

Focus on Ports, Logistics and Value Added Services, Capital market, Tourism, Diversified Exports such as Value Added Agri Products, Electronics, IT, Pharmaceuticals etc.

# Strong Fundamentals Will Unleash Sri Lanka's Potential



**1st**

Rank in South Asia for Human Capital



**2nd**

In the Region for Ease of Doing Business



**3x**

Increase in Graduates by end-2025



**2.1bn**

Access to Neighbouring Markets



**2**

Deepwater Ports



**15**

Export Processing Zones



**1st**

Rank for 'Travel Destination' by Lonely Planet



**28**

Bilateral Investment Protection Agreements

# Focus Sectors



## Agriculture

- ▶ Cultivation and processing of fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices
- ▶ Deep Sea Fishing & rearing/ processing of fish
- ▶ Animal husbandry projects
- ▶ Horticulture/Floriculture



## Apparels

- ▶ Apparel Manufacturing
- ▶ Textile and Fabric Manufacturing
- ▶ Garment Accessories
- ▶ Garment related services  
Garment washing, Textile testing  
Screen printing



## Education

- ▶ Branch campuses of leading Foreign Universities, Higher Educational Institutes
- ▶ Hospitality/ Tourism/ Hotel Management
- ▶ Design Development/ Engineering
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Maritime Training



## Export Manufacturing

- ▶ Rubber, PVC Products Cement, Minerals (processing), Metal
- ▶ Transport, Equipment
- ▶ Gem & Jewellery
- ▶ Electrical & Electronics,
- ▶ Ceramic, Paper, Leather, Chemicals, Pharmaceutical
- ▶ Boats
- ▶ Food (processing), Tea, Wood, Coir



## Export Services

- ▶ Shipping services, Other marine services (shipping services, crew exchange etc)
- ▶ Printing services, Management consulting services
- ▶ Aviation Services, Automation services
- ▶ Other export services
- ▶ Enterpot Trading
- ▶ Logistic Service
- ▶ Regional Operating Headquarters



## Infrastructure

- ▶ Housing and Property Development, Shopping & Office Complex
- ▶ Mixed Development Projects
- ▶ Hospital Services and Medical Services
- ▶ Warehousing & Logistic Services
- ▶ Exhibition Centers, Industrial Parks
- ▶ Construction of Highways and Railways



## Knowledge Services

- ▶ IT Software Development
- ▶ KPO / BPO Industry
- ▶ IT and IT Enabled Services
- ▶ IT Training Sectors.



## Tourism and Leisure

- ▶ Hotels / Resorts / Villas, Higher-end restaurants, Leisure / Entertainment and Theme Parks, Tourist transport: Domestic and International Sea & Air transport
- ▶ Meeting Incentive Convention and Exhibition: MICE, Domestic and International Air transport / Water-based transport, Skill Development: Hotel / Hospitality Training Institutes



## Other

- ▶ Power & Energy
- ▶ Telecommunications and Related Services
- ▶ Ports Development, Distribution of
- ▶ Petroleum related products such as LPG & LNG
- ▶ Recycling of Waste

# Programme

DAY 01

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

08.30 am - 09.00 am Registration of Participants

09.00 am - 09.05 am Welcome Address



Mr. Krishan Balendra  
Chairperson - The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

09.25 am - 09.45 am Keynote Address



Mr. Kenneth Shen  
Chairman - EDOTCO Group, Malaysia

09.45 am - 10.15 am Networking Tea Break

10.15 am - 11.45 noon **Session 1**

## Macroeconomic Dashboard: Stability Secured, Growth Unleashed?

Sri Lanka has made significant strides in restoring macroeconomic stability after a period of intense disruption. With inflation tamed, reserves rebuilding, and fiscal and monetary frameworks strengthened, the country stands at a potential turning point. But the critical question remains: **can Sri Lanka now take the next stage of sustained, inclusive growth?**

This opening session will assess the current state of Sri Lanka's macroeconomic fundamentals and explore whether the reform momentum can now be channeled into an investment- and export-led growth strategy. Speakers will address the credibility of the policy framework, risks to recovery, and the role of private sector confidence in converting stability into long-term economic resilience. This session sets the tone for the summit by examining whether Sri Lanka is truly ready to become Asia's next emerging opportunity.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Gevorg Sargsyan - Country Manager for Sri Lanka, The World Bank Group

**Panellists:** Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe - Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Mr. Saurav Anand - Economist, Standard Chartered Bank

Ms. Lilia Aleksanyan - Senior Country Economist for Sri Lanka, Asian Development Bank\ Representative from the Treasury

**Moderator:** Mr. Anushka Wijesinha - Co-founder, Centre for a Smart Future



11.45 am - 01.15 pm **Session 2**

**Beyond Stability: Designing the Next Phase of Sri Lanka's Economic Playbook**

Stability is not the destination; it is the Launchpad. With macroeconomic stability largely restored, Sri Lanka must now craft the next phase of its economic strategy focused on sustainable, inclusive, and investment-driven growth. This session explores how countries emerging from crisis have successfully transitioned into resilient, high-growth economies and what Sri Lanka can learn from their journey.

Session is expected to feature a speaker from a country with a similar economic background, one that has successfully navigated crisis through an investment- and reform-led model will share insights on how they attracted and retained investor confidence, created jobs, and scaled up exports.

This session will then dive into what Sri Lanka's economic playbook must include to unlock similar outcomes: the reforms needed to boost competitiveness, the role of public-private consensus, and the institutions required to deliver results.

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Alex Patelis - Former Chief Economic Adviser to the Hon. Prime Minister of Greece

**Panellists:** Dr. Harsha de Silva - Member of Parliament of Sri Lanka

Mr. Bernie Stefan - Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka Limited

Ms. Rajitha Jayasuriya - President, Apparel Exporters Association of Sri Lanka

Representative from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

**Moderator:** Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri - Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Sri Lanka



01.15 pm - 02.00 pm **Networking Lunch**

02.00 pm - 03.30 pm **Session 3 - Sector Deep Dives**

**Deep Dive I - Ports, Logistics and Value Added Services**

**Theme: Powering a Green Future – Policy, Partnerships & PPPs**

As Sri Lanka positions itself as a strategic hub in the Indian Ocean, the ports and logistics sector plays a pivotal role in driving trade, attracting investment, and unlocking regional connectivity. But the next wave of growth must also align with global sustainability imperatives.

This session explores how Sri Lanka can modernize its ports and logistics ecosystem through green infrastructure, digital transformation, and public-private partnerships (PPPs). Featuring a keynote from a senior representative of the Port of Rotterdam, a global leader in green port development, the session will bring practical insights on how to build competitive, climate-resilient logistics systems.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Tim Miltenburg - Head of the Decarbonisation Centre of Excellence, APM Terminals, The Hague, Netherlands

**Panellists:** Adm. Sirimewan Ranasinghe - Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority

Mr. Ruwan Waidyaratne - Managing Director, Hayleys Advantis Limited

Ms. Shehara De Silva - Group Managing Director,  
McLarens Group Management Limited

Representative from the Ministry of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation

**Moderator:** Mr. Romesh David, Chief Executive Officer, South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd. (SAGT)



## Deep Dive II - Capital Market: Catalyst for Growth

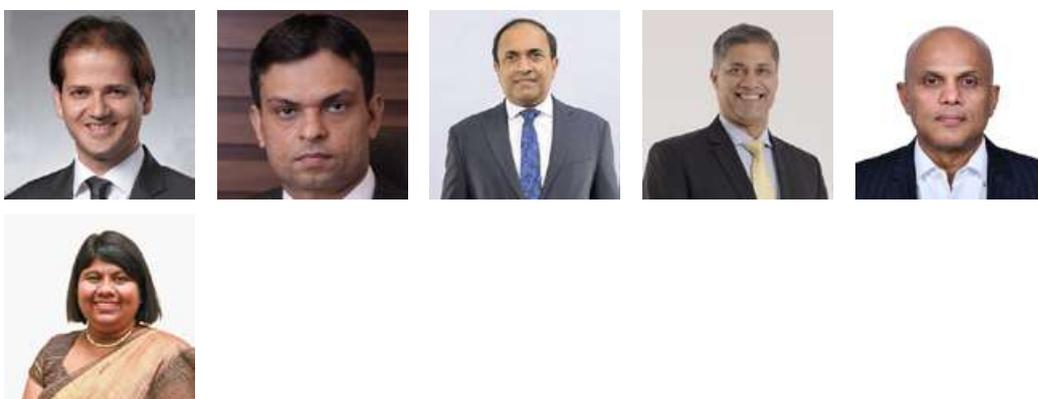
This session will explore how Sri Lanka's capital markets can play a transformative role in financing growth and attracting long-term investment. As the country works towards macroeconomic stability and structural reform, there is potential for a market re-rating that could restore investor confidence and re-energize both foreign and local participation.

The discussion will cover emerging opportunities to raise capital through equity and debt markets, ongoing and proposed regulatory measures to drive new listings, and how showcasing high-potential companies-both established and emerging.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Ruchir Desai, Co-Fund Manager, AFC Asia Frontier Fund, Hong Kong

**Panellists:** Mr. Senaka Kakiriwaragodage - CEO, NDB Capital Holdings Limited  
Mr. Rajeeva Bandaranaike - CEO, Colombo Stock Exchange  
Mr. Dilshan Wirasekara - Managing Director/CEO, First Capital Holdings PLC  
Mr. Sharhan Muhseen - Chairman, Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC

**Moderator:** Ms. Vindhya Jayasekara - CEO Designate, Colombo Stock Exchange



03.30 pm - 04.00 pm Tea Break

04.00 pm - 05.30 pm **Session 4**

## Sector Deep Dive III - Tourism

### Theme: How Can We Finally Market Sri Lanka as a Tourist Destination?

Despite its rich natural beauty, cultural heritage, and strategic location, Sri Lanka has long underperformed in unlocking its full tourism potential. As global travel rebounds and regional competition intensifies, the time is now for a coordinated national effort to position Sri Lanka as a top-tier tourism destination.

This session will focus on the critical reforms, branding strategies, and investment models needed to turn tourism into a consistent, high-value contributor to the economy. It will examine what's holding the sector back, what success looks like in peer economies, and how to build a globally competitive tourism brand.

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. Natalie Kidd - Managing Director and Head of Global Operations, Intrepid Travel Asia Australia

**Panellists:** Mr. Sanjiv Hulugalle - CEO/GM, Cinnamon Life City of Dreams Sri Lanka  
Mr. Santosh Kumar - Country Manager for Booking.com  
Mr. Miguel Cunat - Founder, Pekoe Trail in Sri Lanka  
H.E. Carmen Moreno - Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka & the Maldives  
Representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Emp. & Tourism

**Moderator:** Ms. Shibani Thambiayah - Joint Managing Director, Renuka Hotels PLC



## Sector Deep Dive IV - The New Age of Diversified Exports

### Theme: Delivering on Diversified Export Products and Markets

As global demand patterns shift and resilience becomes a strategic imperative, Sri Lanka must urgently broaden its export base beyond traditional sectors. The path to sustained export growth lies in diversification across products, markets, and value chains.

This session will explore the untapped potential of high-value sectors such as cinnamon, seafood, electronics, minerals, and new forms of advanced manufacturing. It will also examine how Sri Lanka can better position itself in non-traditional markets through branding, standards, logistics, and strategic trade partnerships.

**Keynote Speaker:** Prof. Sanjay Kathuria, Co-founder of the Trade Sentinel, a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, an Adjunct Professor at Ashoka University, and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore.

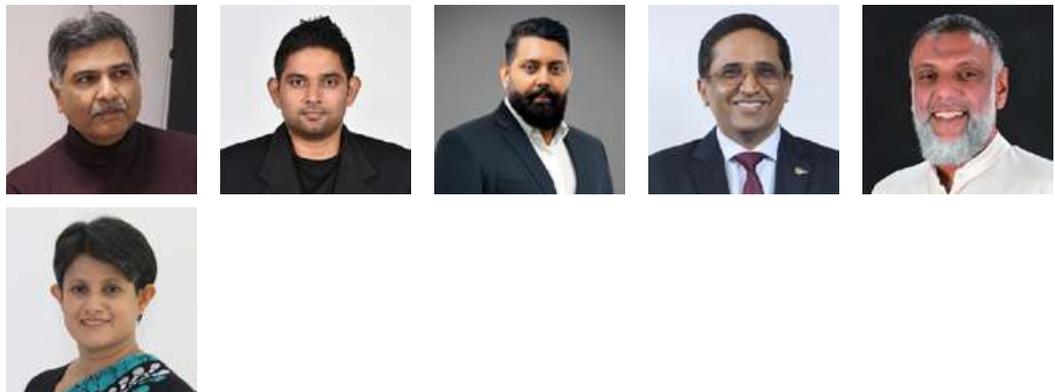
**Panellists:** Mr. Chathura Abeyratne - Director/COO, Joint Agri Products Ceylon (JAPC)

Dr. Upendra Pieris - Chief Executive Officer, OREL IT

Dr T. Sayandhan, Chief Executive Officer, Sunshine Healthcare

Mr. Irfan Thassim, Founder & Managing Director, Oceanpick Pvt. Ltd

**Moderator:** Ms. Subhashini Abeysinghe - Research Director, Verité Research



05.30 pm - 8.30 pm Networking Cocktails

**DAY 02**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

08.30 am - 09.00 am **Registration of Participants/Arrival of Guests**

### Opening of the Investment Summit

09.00 am - 09.05 am **Welcome Address**



Mr. Krishan Balendra  
Chairperson - The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

09.05 am - 09.30 am

### Address by the Chief Guest

09.30 am - 10.45 am

### Session 1

#### Investment Pulse: Where Sri Lanka Stands and What Comes Next?

This session will provide a snapshot of the current investment climate and outlook. The subsequent panel will bring together key leaders from investment promotion, capital markets, exports, and private equity to discuss the country's investment trajectory and the reforms, risks, and opportunities shaping the way forward. The session aims to offer both local and international perspectives on unlocking Sri Lanka's investment potential.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Arjuna Herath - Chairman, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka

**Panellists:** Mr. Dimuthu Abeyesekera - Chairman, Colombo Stock Exchange

Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe - Chairman, Sri Lanka Export Dev. Board

Mr. K.A. Vimalenthirarajah - Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

**Moderator:** Mr. Supun Weerasinghe - Executive Director / Group CEO – Dialog Axiata PLC



10.45 pm - 11.15 pm

### Networking Tea Break

11.15 pm - 12.45 pm

### Why Sri Lanka - Investor View

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Imad Fakhoury - Regional Director for IFC South Asia

**Panellists:** Mr. Vivek Sood - Group CEO & MD, AXIATA Group Berhard, Malaysia

Mr. Thevan Satheeswaran - Managing Director, Variosystems (Pvt) Ltd.

Mr. Ali Tariq - Chairman/CEO of Unilever Sri Lanka

Mr. Thulci Aluwihare - Deputy Managing Director, CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd.

**Moderator:** Ms. Kasturi C. Wilson - Chief Operating Officer, 5-hour International Corporation (Pvt) Ltd.



12.45 pm - 01.30 pm

### Working Lunch Break

01.30 pm - 5.00 pm

### B-2-B and G-2-B Meetings

**DAY 03**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Field Visits** [Only for foreign participants]

09.00 am onwards

Export Processing Zone/ Port City Colombo

# Your investment

Your investment includes access to the two-day Sri Lanka Economic and Investment Summit 2025, B2B/G2B meetings, and an exclusive Networking Reception - offering valuable opportunities to connect not only with leading local business conglomerates but also with delegates from across the globe, exchange ideas, and gain key insights into Sri Lanka's evolving economic and investment landscape.

Additionally, post-event visits to the Export Processing Zone or Port City Colombo are scheduled for 4th December 2025.

**Delegate Fee**  
**US \$ 200** per person.

## How to Participate

**Click here to register** and make your payment online. Please note that your registration will be confirmed only upon receipt of full payment. Alternatively, payment can also be made via bank transfer.

**Bank details for the online transfer/direct deposit:**

**Account Name :** The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce  
**Bank :** National Development Bank PLC  
**Account No :** 101000951391 (Head Office)  
**Bank/Branch Code :** 7214/001  
**Bank Address :** No. 40, Navam Mawatha, Colombo 2, Sri Lanka.  
**Swift Code :** NDBSLKLX

**After making the payment, please email the bank transfer confirmation slip to [sles@chamber.lk](mailto:sles@chamber.lk) within 24 hours.**

## ► Entry Requirements

A Business Visa is issued to foreign nationals who visit Sri Lanka for business purposes for short periods of time. This visa may be issued for single or double journeys. Access <http://www.eta.gov.lk>



SriLankan Airlines is offering all participants and accompanying persons a discount on Economy Class Airfare 20% and upto 10% discount on Business Class airfare (on the prevailing market fare at the time of ticketing) for registered delegates travelling to SriLankan Airlines online stations which presently are as follows

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# Accommodation



## Cinnamon Grand Hotel



77, Galle Road, Colombo 03.  
Tel: +94 11 243 7437 Fax: +94 11 244 9280

|                 | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Premium Room    | USD 128 Nett | USD 141 Nett |
| Executive Room  | USD 188 Nett | USD 188 Nett |
| Executive Suite | USD 316 Nett | USD 316 Nett |



## Hilton Colombo Residences



200, Union Place, Colombo, 02.  
Tel: +94 11 534 4644

|                  | Single BB       | Double BB       |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Superior         | USD 121.00 Nett | USD 134.34 Nett |
| 2 bed room suite | USD 134.34 Nett | USD 147.80 Nett |
| 3 bed room suite | USD 174.70 Nett | USD 188 Nett    |



## Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel



115, Sir Chittampalam A.Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.  
Tel: +94 11 249 1000 Fax: +94 11 254 4211

|                | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Superior Room  | USD 114 Nett | USD 128 Nett |
| Executive Room | USD 175 Nett | USD 175 Nett |
| Cilatro Suite  | USD 255 Nett | USD 255 Nett |



## Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams



No. 01, Justice Akbar Mawatha, Colombo 02.  
Tel: +94 11 222 0000

|                     | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Premier City Facing | USD 148 Nett | USD 161 Nett |
| Premier Sea Facing  | USD 168 Nett | USD 182 Nett |
| Ocean Scpae Suite   | USD 417 Nett | USD 430 Nett |



## Kingsbury Hotel



48, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.  
Tel: +94 11 242 1221 Fax: +94 11 243 7326

|                 | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deluxe Room     | USD 100 Nett | USD 114 Nett |
| Executive Floor | USD 154 Nett | USD 167 Nett |
| Suites          | USD 180 Nett | USD 195 Nett |



## Shangri-La Hotel Colombo



1, Galle Face, Colombo 02, Sri Lanka.  
Tel: +94 11 788 8288

|                    | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deluxe             | USD 165 Nett | USD 175 Nett |
| Premier Ocean View | USD 189 Nett | USD 202 Nett |
| Horizon Lounge     | USD 242 Nett | USD 242 Nett |
| Executive Suite    | USD 350 Nett | USD 350 Nett |



## Galle Face Hotel



No. 2 Galle Rd, Colombo 03.  
Tel: +94 11 754 1010

|                  | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| City view Room   | USD 135 Nett | USD 150 Nett |
| Sea View Room    | USD 165 Nett | USD 180 Nett |
| Classic Sea View | USD 225 Nett | USD 240 Nett |



## Taj Samudra Colombo



No. 25 Galle Face Centre Road, Colombo 3.  
Tel: +94 11 244 6622 Fax: +94 11 243 7208

|                    | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deluxe Ocean View  | USD 114 Nett | USD 128 Nett |
| Luxury City view   | USD 128 Nett | USD 141 Nett |
| Taj Club City view | USD 188 Nett | USD 201 Nett |



## Hilton Colombo



No 2 Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.  
Tel: +94 11 249 2019 Fax: +94 11 254 4657

|  | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Deluxe Room                              | USD 114 Nett | USD 128 Nett |
| Deluxe room with Executive lounge Access | USD 168 Nett | USD 181 Nett |
| Corner Suite                             | USD 222 Nett | USD 235 Nett |



## ITC Rathnadipa



21, Galle Face Center Rd, Colombo 01.  
Tel: +94 11 499 9111

|         | Single BB    | Double BB    |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Tower   | USD 188 Nett | USD 202 Nett |
| ITC One | USD 255 Nett | USD 269 Nett |



## Cinnamon Red



59, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 03.  
Tel: +94 11 214 5145 Fax: +94 11 214 5146

|               | Single BB   | Double BB   |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Standard Room | USD 85 Nett | USD 95 Nett |

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- Check in time – 01.00 p.m.
- Check out time – 12.00 noon
- Airport Transfers can be arranged by the Hotel
- Room charge equivalent to one-night stay will apply in case of no-show and cancellation made 2 days prior to the check-in date stated in the Registration Form
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