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Apple Tree Group goes lakeside with new property

French connection for remote Myanmar resort

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Sanctum Inle Lake Resort



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He comes to the 96-room, Brigitte Dumont de Chassart-designed hotel from Paris, where he served a three-year stint as corporate operations manager for Valotel France, owner of 16 Accor-managed hotels in Europe.

Before that, the 52-year-old Frenchman was the general manager of Hotel Pignonnet, a 50-room, Small Luxury Hotels property in Aix-en-Provence.

"Philippe has an outstanding track record," said Kurt Walter, group general manager - hospitality division, The Apple Tree Group, Sanctum Inle Resort's management company. "I've no doubt he'll be a tremendous asset for us as we begin to write the opening chapter for Sanctum Inle Resort."

Sanctum Inle Resort is three hours from Yangon - spanned by air to Heho airport, then by car to Nyaung Shwe, and finally by boat to the lake's west side.

The resort has developed eight tours ranging from a half-day cycling excursion to Red Mountain Estate winery to a full-day trip to the ancient temples of Kakku.



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