

MIT DEM RIESEN ZU TISCH

Indien ist im globalen Kongressgeschäft ein schlafender Riese. Messeveranstalter, die ihn wecken wollen, lernen „Small is beautiful“ und laden zu **Table-top-Events**.

■ **Narendra Modi.** „Indien hat eine neue Regierung und erstmals seit knapp 30 Jahren haben wir ein herausragendes Ergebnis, das nicht zu einer Koalitionsregierung geführt hat. 553 Millionen Menschen haben über sechs Wochen lang diesen Wechsel vollzogen“, kommentiert Rajeev Kohli die Wahlen. Der Geschäftsführer des DMC Creative Travel, New Delhi, weiß: „Das ist nicht nur für uns ein gewaltiger Wendepunkt, sondern ange-sichts Indiens wirtschaftlicher Fähigkeiten für die ganze Welt.“ Kohli kennt den internatio-nalen Kongressmarkt. Er sitzt im Internatio-nal Board von Site Global und leitete als Asiens erster Vice President die SITE-Session während der ersten IBTM India 2013.

Zum indischen Markteintritt bringt Reed Travel Exhibitions im Grand Hyatt in Mumbai im Table-top-Format 80 indische und internationale Hosted Buyers mit 72 Suppliers zusammen. Das 1:1 am Tisch gelingt, denn eben endet die zweite IBTM India im ITC Grand Chola in Chennai. Für den 3. bis 5. September 2014 hatten sich je 100 Nachfrager und Anbieter angemeldet. „Die IBTM India hat sich als Schlüsselevent im indischen Meetingska-lender etabliert“, meint Shinu Pillai, IBTM India Project Manager. Um die indische Ta-gungsindustrie weiterzuentwickeln, zieht Reed mit der Show von Mumbai nach Chen-nai. Chennai ist nach Mumbai, Delhi, Banga-lore und Hyderabad mit 4,7 Mio. Einwohnern die fünftgrößte Stadt Indiens und eine der am schnellsten wachsenden Städte der Welt.

Noch vor Reed lancierte TTG Asia Media 2012 die IT&CM India, musste die Messe 2013 jedoch mangels Ausstellern absagen. »»



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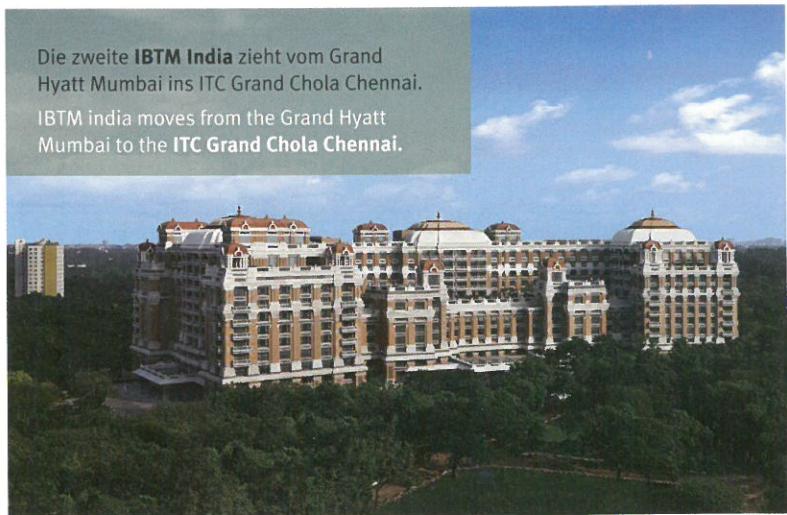
At the table with the giant

India is a sleeping giant in the global conference business. Event organisers who want to wake it up learn that “small is beautiful” and hold table-top events.

■ **Narendra Modi.** “India got a new government and for the first time in close to 30 years we have a re-sounding verdict that has brought in a non-coalition government to lead the country. 553 million people voted over a six-week period to make this change,” says Rajeev Kohli, commenting on the recent elec-tion. The Managing Director of DMC Creative Travel, New Delhi, states: “This is a tremendous turning point not only for us, but for the world, given India’s economic prowess.” Kohli knows the conference world well. He is on the International Board of Site Global, where he served as Asia’s first Vice Pres-dent in 2013 and led the SITE session during the first IBTM India 2013.

For its entrance onto the Indian market last year at the Grand Hyatt in Mumbai, Reed Travel Exhibitions brought together 80 Indian and international hosted buyers with 72 suppliers. The one-to-one meetings at the table were successful, as the second IBTM India at ITC Grand Chola in Chennai proves. 100 buyers and 100 suppliers had registered for the event scheduled from 3 to 5 September 2014. “IBTM India has now established itself as a key event in the meetings industry calendar in India,” says Shinu Pil-lai, IBTM India Project Manager. To develop the meetings industry in India, Reed moved the show from Mumbai to Chennai. With 4.7 million inhab-ants, Chennai is India’s fifth-largest city after Mum-bai, Delhi, Bangalore, und Hyderabad, and one of the fastest growing cities in the world.

Before Reed, TTG Asia Media 2012 launched its IT&CM India, but had to cancel the exhibition due to a lack of exhibitors. Its IT&CM India from 19 to »»



Die zweite IBTM India zieht vom Grand Hyatt Mumbai ins ITC Grand Chola Chennai.
IBTM India moves from the Grand Hyatt Mumbai to the ITC Grand Chola Chennai.

Photo: ITC Grand Chola

21 August 2014 at the Kempinski Ambience Hotel Delhi follows TTG Reed's concept. "Our new table-top exhibition showcase is expected to feature some 70 exhibiting companies," stated Olivia Ng, TTG Events, in June. She mentioned the Dubai Convention & Events Bureau, the Taj Group, Travelite (India), as well as other exhibitors. On site there were 22 exhibitors, who met 120 buyers (30 more than expected) from 17 countries. Managing Director Darren Ng hopes to continue the success of his exhibitions IT&CM China in Shanghai and IT&CMA (Asia) in Bangkok – yet India is different. The close cooperation with the India Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB), which he announced after the IT&CM India 2012, will not take place in 2014.

"Bring the world to India – bring India to the world" announces the ICPB. Under the direction of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, it has promoted India on behalf of its 100 members, who represent conference centres, hotels, and agencies, for 25 years. That India has developed into a leading conference destination is demonstrated by India Tourism with statistics from the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA): India ranks 25th among

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conference nations with 186 international conferences and a double-digit growth rate. The subcontinent's conference and exhibition market expands with its industry sectors, whether automobiles, IT, pharmaceuticals, textiles, mechanical engineering, or medicine.

These developments drive the construction of further conference centres – of which there are officially already 100. A five-year plan initiated in 2012 foresees a new conference centre in each of the 28 federal states. Inaugurations are planned for the next two years in Pune, Cochin, and Gurgaon. Well-known venues include, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Calcutta, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai. Favourite venues include, aside from the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), the hotels of the Indian Taj Group with 55 hotels in India, as well as those of international brands such as Oberoi, Meridien with eight hotels, and Marriott with 24. Fairmont, like Kempinski, has one hotel.

The Fairmont Jaipur offers 199 rooms and with 5,600 sq. meters the largest conference centre in the region. There, at the Hilton Jaipur the 4th India Association Congress 2014 (IAC 2014) just closed. With 200 participants it is the largest convention of associations from the areas of automobiles, aeronautical, agriculture, medicine, and semiconductors, but also for trade associations such as FICCI, the Indo-German and Indo-French Chambers of Commerce.

"The congress is the foundation that will hold the building, that is, the industry, together while creating and implementing best practices for the society at large," is how Chairman Prasant Saha describes it. He too is concerned with the Indian general election in 2014 and its effect on the meetings industry. Saha hopes "that the new government will invest in understanding this important segment of tourism and take the right steps for its revival." And Saha knows: "MICE not only generates tourism business, job creation, but most importantly, it creates a 'platform for knowledge and trade exchange', which is of great value and should not be ignored."

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INDIA IS HERE, EXPANDING INTO EUROPE

■ Amsterdam-Delhi. Congrex Holland announces to rebrand into CIMGlobal, India, after their management buyout together with CIMGlobal. Congrex Holland BV, with offices in Amsterdam, Noordwijk and Rome has over 32 years of experience as a PCO. Managing Director Jarno de Boer stated: "Since the new ownership is in place we have worked hard in order to

integrate our services and work with our new colleagues around the world. This rebranding feels like the logical step in that process." CIMGlobal's CEO, Prasant Saha adds: "The name change of the company into CIMGlobal gives a strong message to the market. We are here, expanding into Europe, and we are here to stay. More and more our teams in India, Europe and

the Middle East are starting to work together for our clients around the globe, offering the best services possible." The addition of the European office makes CIMGlobal one of the largest organizers with over 630,000 participants handled in 111 cities, in 26 countries globally over the past five years.
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Zur IT&CM India vom 19. bis 21. August 2014 im Kempinski Ambience Hotel Delhi folgt TTG Reeds Konzept. „Unser neues Table-top-Showformat erwartet 70 ausstellende Firmen“, informiert Olivia Ng, TTG Events, noch im Juni und nennt das Dubai Convention & Events Bureau, die Taj Group, Travelite (India) und andere. Gekommen sind 22 Aussteller und 120 Besucher (30 mehr als erwartet) aus 17 Ländern. Geschäftsführer Darren Ng hofft an den Erfolg seiner Shows IT&CM China in Shanghai und IT&CMA (Asia) in Bangkok anzuknüpfen – doch Indien ist anders. Die engere Zusammenarbeit mit dem India Convention Promotion Bureau (ICPB), die er nach der IT&CM India 2012 ankündigte, kommt 2014 nicht zustande.

„Bring the world to India – bring India to the world“ wirbt das ICPB unter der Direktion des Tourismusministeriums, seit 25 Jahren für seine 100 Members aus Kongresshäusern, Hotels und Agenturen. Dass Indien sich zu einer führenden Destination für Konferenzen entwickelt, entnimmt India Tourism den Daten der International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA): Mit einer zweistelligen Wachstumsrate kommt Indien mit 186 internationalen Kongressen auf Platz 25 im Länderranking. Indiens Kongress- und Messemarkt wächst mit seinen Wirtschaftszweigen, ob Automobil, IT, Pharma-, Textilindustrie, Maschinenbau und Medizinsektor.

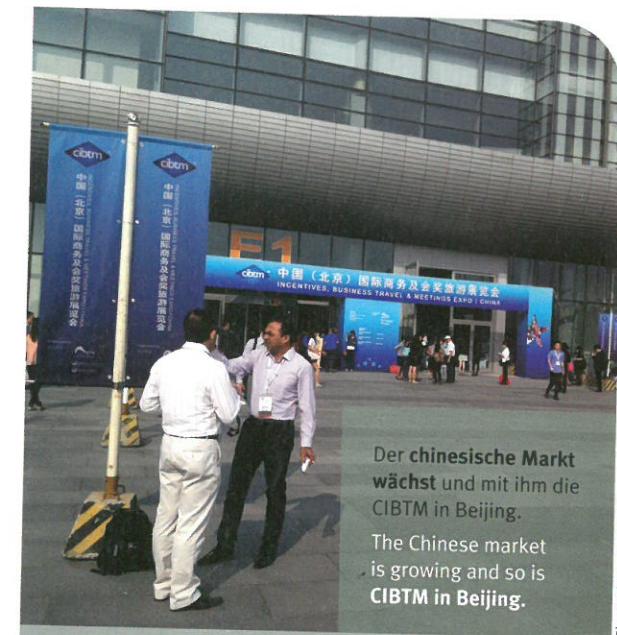
Diese Entwicklung befähigt den Bau weiterer Kongresszentren – von denen es bereits 100 geben soll. 2012 in Kraft getreten, sieht ein Fünfjahresplan für jeden der 28 Bundesstaaten ein neues Kongresshaus vor. Für die nächsten zwei Jahre sind Neuer-

öffnungen in Pune, Cochin und Gurgaon geplant. Bekannte Veranstaltungsorte sind von Nord nach Süd Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Kalkutta, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore und Chennai. Beliebte Venues sind neben dem Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) die Hotels der indischen Taj Group mit 55 Häusern in Indien und Oberoi sowie internationale Ketten à la Meridien mit acht Hotels und Marriott mit 24. Fairmont kommt wie Kempinski auf ein Haus.

Das Fairmont Jaipur bietet 199 Zimmer und mit 5.600 qm das größte Konferenzzentrum der Region. Dort, im Hilton Jaipur endete eben der 4th India Association Congress 2014 (IAC 2014). Mit 200 Teilnehmern ist es die größte Versammlung indischer Verbände aus den Bereichen Automobil, Agrikultur, Medizin und Halbleiter mit Beteiligung des Indo-German und Indo-French Chamber of Commerce. „Der Kongress ist das Fundament, welches das Gebäude trägt, wie die Kongressindustrie durch das Gestalten und Implementieren von Best Practices die Gesellschaft“, philosophiert Chairman Prasant Saha.

Auch ihn beschäftigen Indiens Wahlen und ihre Wirkung auf den Konferenzmarkt. Er hofft, „dass die neue Regierung sich um das Verständnis für dieses wichtige Segment bemüht und die richtigen Schritte für seinen Aufschwung unternimmt“. Saha weiß: „Meetings sorgen nicht nur für Tourismusumsätze, sondern Jobs und noch wichtiger eine Plattform für Wissen und Handel“, welche von großem Wert ist und nicht unterschätzt werden darf.“ Kerstin Wünsch

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Der chinesische Markt wächst und mit ihm die CIBTM in Beijing.
The Chinese market is growing and so is CIBTM in Beijing.

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CIBTM 2014: ASIAN BUYERS FOCUS ON EUROPE

■ Beijing. Post show research conducted among Asian Hosted Buyers before and during CIBTM 2013 has identified their clear demand to meet more European suppliers at this year's event, taking place at the China National Convention Center, Beijing, China from 17 to 19 September 2014. Hosted Buyers attending CIBTM 2013 identified the UK, Germany, Italy, France and Russia as key regions of interest with Switzerland highlighted as a newer destination of interest.

Jacqui Timmins, Exhibition Director CIBTM and AIME, Reed Travel Exhibitions, commented: "We are delighted to confirm that we are again expecting almost 60% of our Hosted Buyers at CIBTM 2014 to be from across Asia. Our strategy ensures that exhibitors who sign up to participate in the show, receive genuine business leads from qualified association, corporate and agency buyers, all of whom have proven senior-level purchasing power."

Last year, the CIBTM qualification process has resulted in a selection of Chinese and International Hosted Buyers who had an overall annual combined budget of 32.6 billion USD. With 33.2% of CIBTM Hosted Buyers interested in placing business in Europe, it potentially represents 10.8 billion USD of the overall annual Hosted Buyer budget at stake on this market.

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