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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

April 2019

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Huazhu Group Limited
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Huazhu Group Limited
(Registrant)

Date: April 19, 2019

By: /s/ Min (Jenny) Zhang
Name: Min (Jenny) Zhang
Title: Chief Executive Officer



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Huazhu Group Limited Announces Its Preliminary Results for Hotel Operation in the First Quarter of 2019

SHANGHAI, China, April 18, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Huazhu Group Limited (NASDAQ: HTHT) (“Huazhu”, or the “Company”), a leading and fast-growing multi-brand hotel group in China, today announced its preliminary results for the hotel operation in the first quarter ended March 31, 2019.

Operating Metrics

| | For the quarter ended | | | yoy change |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2018 | March 31, 2019 | |
| <i>Average daily room rate (in RMB)</i> | | | | |
| Leased and owned hotels | 243 | 275 | 258 | 6.3% |
| Manachised hotels | 194 | 216 | 210 | 8.0% |
| Franchised hotels | 228 | 248 | 237 | 3.6% |
| Blended | 207 | 230 | 221 | 6.9% |
| <i>Occupancy rate (as a percentage)</i> | | | | |
| Leased and owned hotels | 85.6% | 86.7% | 83.6% | -2.0pp |
| Manachised hotels | 84.0% | 85.5% | 80.5% | -3.5pp |
| Franchised hotels | 69.8% | 74.5% | 68.6% | -1.2pp |
| Blended | 83.7% | 85.2% | 80.6% | -3.1pp |
| <i>RevPAR (in RMB)</i> | | | | |
| Leased and owned hotels | 208 | 238 | 216 | 3.8% |
| Manachised hotels | 163 | 185 | 169 | 3.5% |
| Franchised hotels | 159 | 185 | 162 | 1.8% |
| Blended | 173 | 196 | 178 | 2.9% |

Same-hotel operational data (Like-for-like performance for hotels opened for at least 18 months during the current quarter)

| | As of and for the quarter ended | | | yoy change |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|
| | March 31, 2018 | March 31, 2019 | | |
| Total | 3,189 | 3,189 | | |
| Leased and owned hotels | 608 | 608 | | |
| Manachised and franchised hotels | 2,581 | 2,581 | | |
| Occupancy rate (as a percentage) | 86.1% | 83.4% | | -2.8pp |
| Average daily room rate (in RMB) | 205 | 211 | | 2.9% |
| RevPAR (in RMB) | 176 | 176 | | -0.4% |

Note: Excluding hotel rooms under renovations for product upgrades, the normalized same-hotel RevPAR growth would be flat (0).

Hotel Development

| Number of hotels in operation | | | | Number of rooms in operation | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Opened in Q1 2019 | Closed ⁽¹⁾ in Q1 2019 | Net added in Q1 2019 | As of March 31, 2019 | Net added in Q1 2019 | As of March 31, 2019 |
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|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Leased and owned hotels | 11 | (12) | (1) | 698 | 979 | 87,766 |
| Manachised and franchised hotels | 215 | (48) | 167 | 3,698 | 15,888 | 351,848 |
| Total | 226 | (60) | 166 | 4,396 | 16,867 | 439,614 |

(1) Reasons for closures include property-related issues, operating loss and non-compliance issues. In Q1 2019, eight hotels were temporarily closed for brand upgrade.

| | Number of hotels in pipeline as of March 31, 2019 |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Leased hotels | 50 |
| Manachised and franchised hotels | 1,261 |
| Total⁽²⁾ | 1,311 |

(2) Including 202 hotels under brands of ibis, ibis Styles, Mercure, Grand Mercure and Novotel; 148 hotels under brands of Orange Select and Crystal Orange, 22 hotels under brand of Blossom Hill.

Business Update by Segment

Hotel breakdown by segment

| | Number of hotels in operation | |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | Net added in Q1 2019 | As of March 31, 2019 |
| Economy hotels | 24 | 2,916 |
| HanTing Hotel | 20 | 2,303 |
| Hi Inn | (3) | 399 |
| Elan Hotel | 7 | 207 |
| Orange Hotel | 0 | 7 |
| Midscale and upscale hotels | 142 | 1,480 |
| JI Hotel | 58 | 611 |
| Starway Hotel | 18 | 230 |
| Joya Hotel | 0 | 6 |
| Manxin Hotels & Resorts | 4 | 28 |
| HanTing Premium Hotel | 17 | 91 |
| Ibis Hotel | 12 | 149 |
| Ibis Styles Hotel | 3 | 37 |
| Mercure Hotel | 6 | 45 |
| Novotel Hotel | 0 | 7 |
| Grand Mercure | 1 | 7 |
| Orange Select | 17 | 189 |
| Crystal Orange | 4 | 60 |
| Blossom Hill | 2 | 20 |
| Total | 166 | 4,396 |

Same-hotel operational data by segment

| | <u>Number of hotels in operation</u> | | <u>Same-hotel RevPAR</u> | | | <u>Same-hotel ADR</u> | | | <u>Same-hotel Occupancy</u> | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| | As of | | For the quarter ended | | | For the quarter ended | | | For the quarter ended | | |
| | March 31, 2018 | 2019 | March 31, 2018 | 2019 | yoy change | March 31, 2018 | 2019 | yoy change | March 31, 2018 | 2019 | yoy change (p.p.) |
| Economy hotels | 2,481 | 2,481 | 152 | 152 | 0.1% | 170 | 176 | 3.7% | 89% | 86% | (3.1) |
| Leased hotels | 439 | 439 | 161 | 167 | 4.0% | 181 | 191 | 5.4% | 89% | 88% | (1.1) |
| Manachised and franchised hotels | 2,042 | 2,042 | 149 | 148 | -1.1% | 167 | 172 | 3.1% | 89% | 86% | (3.6) |
| Midscale and upscale hotels | 708 | 708 | 240 | 237 | -1.1% | 306 | 310 | 1.3% | 78% | 76% | (1.9) |
| Leased and owned hotels | 169 | 169 | 295 | 287 | -2.8% | 360 | 362 | 0.4% | 82% | 79% | (2.6) |
| Manachised and franchised hotels | 539 | 539 | 216 | 216 | -0.1% | 281 | 286 | 2.0% | 77% | 75% | (1.6) |
| Total | 3,189 | 3,189 | 176 | 176 | -0.4% | 205 | 211 | 2.9% | 86% | 83% | (2.8) |

About Huazhu Group Limited

Huazhu Group Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor in China. As of March 31, 2019, the Company had 4,396 hotels or 439,614 rooms in operation. With a primary focus on economy and midscale hotel segments, Huazhu's brands include Hi Inn, Elan Hotel, HanTing Hotel, HanTing Premium Hotel, JI Hotel, Starway Hotel, Manxin Hotel, Joya Hotel, Crystal Orange Hotel, Orange Hotel Select, Orange Hotel and Blossom Hill. The Company also has the rights as master franchisee for Mercure, Ibis and Ibis Styles, and co-development rights for Grand Mercure and Novotel, in Pan-China region.

The Company's business includes leased and owned, manachised and franchised models. Under the lease and ownership model, the Company directly operates hotels typically located on leased or owned properties. Under the manachise model, the Company manages manachised hotels through the on-site hotel managers it appoints and collects fees from franchisees. Under the franchise model, the Company provides training, reservation and support services to the franchised hotels and collects fees from franchisees but does not appoint on-site hotel managers. The Company applies a consistent standard and platform across all of its hotels. As of March 31, 2019, Huazhu Group operates 20 percent of its hotel rooms under lease and ownership model, 80 percent under manachise and franchise models.

For more information, please visit the Company's website: <http://ir.huazhu.com>.

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