

The Leela raises ₹1,575 crore from anchor investors ahead of IPO

The Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts, owned by Brookfield through Schloss Bangalore Limited, has raised ₹1,575 crore via an anchor allotment to 47 institutional investors, ahead of its much-anticipated initial public offering (IPO). Shares were allotted at ₹435 apiece, the upper end of the price band of ₹413–₹435 per share.

A total of 3.62 crore equity shares were allotted under the anchor book, which attracted broad-based participation from both domestic and global investors. Notably, 9 domestic mutual funds across 20 schemes secured 1.42 crore shares, with prominent participants including HDFC Mutual Fund, ICICI Prudential, Nippon India, Mirae Asset, and Invesco. Insurance majors such as Max Life and Birla Life also featured among the key investors.

Robust Global Interest

The anchor issue also saw strong international demand, drawing institutional interest from the likes of Norges Bank, Fidelity, Think Invest, Whiteoak, TT International, UC Regents, Ward Ferry, and Lunate—underscoring sustained global confidence in India's premium hospitality sector.

IPO Details

The public issue opens on May 26 and closes on May 28, 2025. It comprises:

- A fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹2,500 crore
- An offer for sale (OFS) of up to ₹1,000 crore by Project Ballet Bangalore Holdings (DIFC) Pvt. Ltd., a Brookfield entity

Use of Proceeds

The funds raised from the fresh issue will primarily be used for:

- Repayment/prepayment of certain borrowings (including interest and penalties) for the company and its subsidiaries
- General corporate purposes

Lead Managers

The IPO is being managed by a consortium of leading investment banks, including:

- JM Financial
- Kotak Mahindra Capital
- Morgan Stanley India
- BofA Securities
- J.P. Morgan India
- Axis Capital
- Citi
- IIFL Capital
- ICICI Securities
- Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors
- SBI Capital Markets