

## STERLING HOLIDAYS NEW TVC CAPTURES THE JOY OF HOLIDAYING DIFFERENTLY

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited, India's leading Leisure Hospitality and Experiential Holiday Company, has unveiled a TV & digital campaign for pan Indian audiences. The campaign captures Sterling's brand philosophy of *Holiday Differently* by showcasing the various curated holiday experiences and discoveries that the brand offers to its guests. Shot across various exotic locations across India to drive variety and curiosity, the first-ever TV campaign by Sterling addresses today's evolved traveler, who seeks experiences, and not just destinations.

Through this campaign, Sterling, which was viewed as a vacation ownership brand over the years, shows how it has **transformed into an experiential holiday brand** for all travelers.

Sterling is undergoing an exciting journey of transformation, which started few years ago with the upgradation of resort infrastructure to the best in class standards, followed by network expansion to various unique destinations across India.

**Speaking on the launch of the Campaign, Mr. Ramesh Ramanathan, Managing Director, Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd.** said, "Sterling has evolved from being a pure play time share company to a holiday company, catering to both our Sterling members and the FIT segment. In order to position ourselves as an experiential holiday company, we re-launched our brand in December 2017 with the brand promise of **Holiday Differently!** We now want to bring alive this promise to our target audience by launching the brand communication on TV and digital media."

**Speaking on the launch of the TVC, Mr. Peshwa Acharya, Chief Marketing Officer, Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd.** said, "Staying true to our new brand promise of Holiday Differently, we have created our new brand film which has a larger than life imagery driven by curated holiday experiences. One unique feature of this film is that it does not focus on resort features but rather on experiences. I am sure that this campaign will drive up consumer awareness and enhance brand perception, leading to improved business indices."



The film has been created by L&K Saatchi and Saatchi and showcases varied travelers experiencing different discoveries at Sterling Resorts and destinations- from a Chef serving biryani in a large jackfruit on a table aboard a houseboat, to a woman trying her hand at a loom with local weavers, holding up a vibrant handloom sari.

According to Mr. Rohit Malkani, National Creative Director, L&K Saatchi & Saatchi: From shooting sunrise in the highest tea estate in India to discovering local sweets we never knew existed, the film is a glorious, non-stop montage of these discoveries and experiences. Shot with a mixture of GoPro and a Mini Alexa, we've shot with natural light and minimal frills to keep the traveller experience authentic and inviting."

The TV campaign will be aired on national media commencing from February 2019. Sterling is also planning to amplify the brand campaign through digital, social, OTT, press & cinema.

## **About Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited**

Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited is a leading leisure hospitality company in India which has been delivering great holidays to Indians since 1986. The company pioneered Vacation Ownership in India and has a network of resorts at some of the best holiday destinations in India. Currently, Sterling has 36 resorts located in Agra, Anaikatti, Corbett, Dabhosa, Daman, Darjeeling, Dindi, Dharamshala, Durshet, Gangtok, Goa, Jaipur, Kanha, Karwar, Kodaikanal, Kufri, Kundalika, Lonavala, Manali, Mount Abu, Munnar, Mussoorie, Mysore, Nainital, Ooty, Puri, Sajan, Sariska, Shirdi, Thekkady, Wayanad, Yelagiri and Yercaud. The company also has 14 additional sites where it plans to add new resorts in the coming years. Sterling Holidays also owns 'Nature Trails Resorts Private Limited' - an adventure holiday company that operates resorts at four unique destinations in Maharashtra.

Sterling Holiday Resorts Limited is a 100% independently managed subsidiary of Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL), India's leading integrated travel and travel related financial services company. TCIL is a part of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, a \$43 billion global investment and insurance holding company, headquartered in Toronto, Canada.

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