



## **Dream Hotel Group breaks ground for Chatwal Lodge in Bethel; designed by Nunzio Marc DeSantis Architects**

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Bethel, NY Developed by Dream Hotel Group and designed by Nunzio Marc DeSantis Architects, The Chatwal Lodge will be a driving force in the ongoing restoration and revitalization of New York's Catskill Mountains. Among 26 acres of the 1,000-acre Toronto Reservoir, the five-star retreat is expected to open in spring 2020 with 34 private villas and suite accommodations.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place December 5, 2018. In attendance were NYS assembly member Aileen Gunther and town supervisor Dan Sturm as keynote speakers; leading members of the Dream Hotel Group team chairman Sant Singh Chatwal, CEO Jay Stein, and vice president of operations, luxury division Ashish Verma, as well as Chapin Estate developer Steve Dubrovsky, architect Nunzio DeSantis, and Granite Associates chairman & CEO Alan Gerry.

The opening of The Chatwal Lodge is part of a larger economic development plan for the town. The Chatwal Lodge is expected to generate tax revenue and create new jobs, while also offering the growing residential and business communities a new reason to work and play in the countryside destination.

"We're grateful for Mr. Sant Chatwal and his Dream Hotel Group team bringing The Chatwal Lodge to the region. The caliber of this project is remarkable, and, once open, will become a world-class destination and an extraordinary addition to both New York State and Sullivan County," said Gunther.

"The Chatwal Lodge will bring full- and part-time jobs, both during construction and after it opens," said Sturm. "The new tourists and visitors that will come to Bethel will also bring new commerce and better economic opportunity for all the businesses already located here."

President and CEO of Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Roberta Byron-Lockwood said, "The Catskills is a picturesque mountainous region that has been long known as a popular getaway since the beginning of the twentieth century. The Chatwal Lodge will help solidify its reputation as a global destination for years to come."

Rustic and refined, The Chatwal Lodge offers an elegant and charming play of details literally carved straight out of the woods from which it stands. The luxurious hideaway features hand-hewn timbers,

oversized stone fireplaces and mighty trunks of 40-foot white pine trees towering from floor to ceiling in the Main Lodge. Luxurious meeting and event venues located at water's edge are ideal for corporate retreats, social events and lavish destination weddings. Harmonizing with nature, its serene spa offerings will also include some of the most desirable wellness services.

Within this beautiful swath of the Catskills, located just 90 miles from midtown Manhattan, the wilds of nature are discovered in everyday life. The Chatwal Lodge is located within The Chapin Estate along the shores of Sullivan County's two largest lakes.

Named as one of the 'top 10 regions to visit in 2019' by Lonely Planet, the Catskills and Sullivan County have seen an increasing number of visitors due to its vast recreational activities, as well as growing arts and culture community.

"We are delighted to finally commence construction on this iconic project," said developer Steve Dubrovsky. "We greatly appreciate the patience and guidance of everyone involved as we carefully design and connect this new, five-star retreat within the expanse of Chapin Estate, one of the Catskills' most serene and beautiful natural landscapes."

"The Chatwal Lodge is born from our signature New York City location and five-star luxury brand The Chatwal," said Sant Singh Chatwal, chairman, Dream Hotel Group. "Within this decadent and simply unprecedented country retreat, The Chatwal Lodge is a magical destination where luxury meets nature, and we are committed to embracing the natural resources of the area to create an enterprise that truly redefines the town and country luxury living experience."

"All of us at Dream Hotel Group are proud to play a role in creating what will be one of the most spectacular destinations in Sullivan County," remarked Jay Stein, CEO, Dream Hotel Group. "Drawing inspiration from the Catskills' rich history, rustic architecture and breathtaking natural setting, The Chatwal Lodge will be the star of Sullivan County and a critical addition to our growing global portfolio."

With 18 hotels open today and 20 new locations currently in development worldwide, Dream Hotel Group is on track to triple its existing portfolio by 2022. The groundbreaking of The Chatwal Lodge signals another exciting milestone in the continued growth and evolution of the company and its portfolio of lifestyle brands.

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