# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 6-K

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

For the month of January 2020

Commission File Number: 001-34656

**Huazhu Group Limited** 

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

No. 2266 Hongqiao Road Changning District Shanghai 200336 People's Republic of China (86) 21 6195-2011

(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)

By: <u>/s/ Qi Ji</u> Name: Oi Ji

Name: Qi Ji Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 29, 2020

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### **Exhibit Number Description**

99.1 Huazhu Group Limited Announces Preliminary Results for Hotel Operations in the Fourth Quarter and the Full Year of 2019

## Huazhu Group Limited Announces Preliminary Results for Hotel Operations in the Fourth Quarter and the Full Year of 2019

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 14, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Huazhu Group Limited (NASDAQ: HTHT) ("Huazhu" or "our"), a leading and fast-growing hotel group, today announced preliminary results for hotel operations in the fourth quarter and the full year ended December 31, 2019.

### **Hotel Development**

		Number of	f hotels in op	peration	Number of rooms in operation			
	Opened	Closed (1)	Net added	As of	Net added	As of		
	in Q4 2019	in Q4 2019	in Q4 2019	<b>December 31, 2019</b>	in Q4 2019	December 31, 2019		
Leased and owned hotels	11	(20)	(9)	688	(741)	87,465		
Manachised and franchised hotels	619	(143)	476	4,930	33,203	449,411		
Total	630	(163)	467	5,618	32,462	536,876		

<sup>(1)</sup> Reasons for closures include property-related issues, operating loss and non-compliance issues. In Q4 2019, 56 hotels were temporarily closed for brand upgrade and business model change purposes.

As of December 31, 2019

	Number of hotels in operation	Unopened hotels in pipeline		
Economy hotels	3,485	826		
Leased and owned hotels	415	2		
Manachised and franchised hotels	3,070	824		
Midscale and upscale hotels	2,133	1,436		
Leased and owned hotels	273	41		
Manachised and franchised hotels	1,860	1,395		
Total	5,618	2,262		

### **Operating Metrics**

	For the quarter ended							
	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,	yoy				
	2018	2019	2019	change				
Average daily room rate (in RMB)								
Leased and owned hotels	275	288	277	0.9%				
Manachised and franchised hotels	218	235	223	2.1%				
Blended	230	245	232	0.9%				
Occupancy rate (as a percentage)								
Leased and owned hotels	86.7%	90.0%	84.7%	-2.0 pp				
Manachised and franchised hotels	84.8%	87.2%	81.6%	-3.1 pp				
Blended	85.2%	87.7%	82.2%	-3.0 pp				
RevPAR (in RMB)								
Leased and owned hotels	238	259	235	-1.4%				
Manachised and franchised hotels	185	205	182	-1.7%				
Blended	196	215	191	-2.7 % <sup>(2)</sup>				

<sup>(2)</sup> Excluding our soft brands (Hi Inn, Elan, Starway, Madison and Grand Madison), the blended RevPAR for 2019Q4 declined by 0.5% year-over-year.

	For the full year ended				
	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	yoy change		
Average daily room rate (in RMB)					
Leased and owned hotels	267	276	3.6%		
Manachised and franchised hotels	214	224	4.6%		
Blended	226	234	3.6%		

Occupancy rate (as a percentage)			
Leased and owned hotels	89.0%	87.0%	-2.0%
Manachised and franchised hotels	86.9%	83.8%	-3.1%
Blended	87.3%	84.4%	-3.0%
RevPAR (in RMB)			
Leased and owned hotels	237	240	1.2%
Manachised and franchised hotels	186	188	0.8%
Blended	197	198	0.1%(3)

(3) Excluding our soft brands (Hi Inn, Elan, Starway, Madison and Grand Madison), the blended RevPAR for 2019 grew by 0.8%.

### **Business Update by Segment**

### Hotel and room portfolio by brand

	Numbe	r of hotels in operation	Number of rooms in operation			
	Net added	As of	Net added	As of		
	in Q4 2019	December 31, 2019	in Q4 2019	December 31, 2019		
Economy hotels	281	3,485	12,473	290,615		
HanTing Hotel	(9)	2,372	(3,299)	224,626		
Hi Inn	15	465	871	28,153		
Elan Hotel	275	648	14,901	37,836		
Midscale and upscale hotels	186	2,133	19,989	246,261		
HanTing Premium Hotel	34	214	3,363	19,748		
Ibis Hotel	6	185	472	20,533		
Ibis Styles Hotel	5	55	549	6,681		
Starway Hotel	33	350	3,099	30,363		
JI Hotel	72	831	8,289	104,521		
Orange Select Hotel	15	248	1,510	28,821		
Crystal Orange Hotel	8	85	975	11,182		
Manxin Hotels & Resorts	7	46	825	4,133		
Madison Hotel	4	9	347	883		
Mercure Hotel	5	68	530	12,502		
Novotel Hotel	0	9	0	2,928		
Grand Madison Hotel	3	4	569	772		
Joya Hotel	0	6	0	1,250		
Blossom Hill Hotels & Resorts	(4)	17	(79)	648		
Grand Mercure Hotel	(2)	6	(460)	1,296		
Total	467	5,618	32,462	536,876		

Same-hotel operational data by segment

	Numl	<u>oer of</u>	Same-hotel RevPAF		<u>vPAR</u>	Same-hotel ADR			Same-hotel Occupancy		
	<u>hot</u>	<u>els</u>									
	As	of	For the q		yoy	For the c	•	yoy	For the quarter ended	yoy	
	Dece	mber	Decemb	er 31,	change	Decemb	er 31,	change	December 31,	change	
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	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018 2019	(p.p.)	
Economy hotels	2,467	2,467	165	155	-6.2%	183	179	-2.4%	90.0% 86.5%	-3.5	
Leased and owned hotels	409	409	180	172	-4.4%	200	198	-0.7%	90.2% 86.9%	-3.3	
Manachised and franchised hotels	2,058	2,058	161	151	-6.7%	179	174	-2.9%	90.0% 86.4%	-3.6	
Midscale and upscale hotels	950	950	266	253	-4.7%	324	309	-4.4%	82.0% 81.8%	-0.2	
Leased and owned hotels	199	199	330	309	-6.3%	389	366	-5.9%	84.8% 84.4%	-0.3	
Manachised and franchised hotels	751	751	243	233	-4.1%	300	289	-3.8%	81.1% 80.9%	-0.2	
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Total	3,417 3,417	199	188 -5.4%	228	222	-2.7%	87.3% 84.9%	-2 4
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	As	of	For the year ended				For the year yo ended		yoy For the year ended		
	Dece		December 31, chang		change	December 31,		change	December 31,	change	
	31 2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018 2019	(p.p.)	
Economy hotels	2,467	2,467	170	164	-3.0%	184	184	0.3%	92.2% 89.1%	-3.1	
Leased and owned hotels	409	409	183	182	-0.4%	198	202	1.7%	92.0% 90.0%	-2.0	
Manachised and franchised hotels	2,058	2,058	166	160	-3.8%	180	180	-0.2%	92.2% 88.9%	-3.3	
Midscale and upscale hotels	950	950	269	261	-3.2%	323	317	-1.8%	83.4% 82.2%	-1.2	
Leased and owned hotels	199	199	332	317	-4.6%	385	374	-3.0%	86.3% 84.9%	-1.4	
Manachised and franchised hotels	751	751	245	239	-2.5%	298	294	-1.2%	82.3% 81.2%	-1.1	
Total	3,417	3,417	201	194	-3.1%	224	224	-0.3%	89.5% 87.0%	-2.5	

#### **About Huazhu Group Limited**

Huazhu Group Limited is a leading hotel operator and franchisor. As of December 31, 2019, Huazhu operated 5,618 hotels with 536,876 rooms in operation. Huazhu's brands include Hi Inn, Elan Hotel, HanTing Hotel, HanTing Premium Hotel, JI Hotel, Starway Hotel, Orange Hotel Select, Crystal Orange Hotel, Manxin Hotels & Resorts, Joya Hotel, and Blossom Hill Hotels & Resorts. Huazhu also has the rights as master franchisee for Mercure, Ibis and Ibis Styles, and co-development rights for Grand Mercure and Novotel, in the pan-China region. Huazhu completed the acquisition of Deutsche Hospitality on January 2, 2020, further expanding our brands portfolio to include Steigenberger Hotels & Resorts, Maxx by Steigenberger, Jaz Hotel, Intercity Hotel and Zleep Hotel.

Huazhu's business includes leased and owned, manachised and franchised models. Under the lease and ownership model, Huazhu directly operates hotels typically located on leased or owned properties. Under the manachise model, Huazhu manages manachised hotels through the on-site hotel managers Huazhu appoints and collects fees from franchisees. Under the franchise model, Huazhu provides training, reservations and support services to the franchised hotels, and collects fees from franchisees but does not appoint on-site hotel managers. Huazhu applies a consistent standard and platform across all of its hotels. As of December 31, 2019, Huazhu operates 16 percent of its hotel rooms under lease and ownership model, and 84 percent under manachise and franchise models.

For more information, please visit Huazhu's website: http://ir.huazhu.com.

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