



Marriott and Starwood are expected to join to become one of the world's largest hospitality corporations by the end of March. The new combo, which includes Courtyard, Ritz-Carlton and 30 other subsidiaries, will have a total of more than a million rooms.

All will be available for guests, except on that night when you and your spouse arrive exhausted at one a.m., after a grueling 18-hour, three-stop flight from Hong Kong. Smiling desk clerk: Sorry, all full up.