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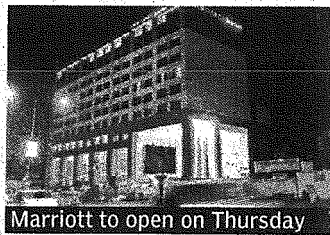
Amdavadis have made global lodging company, Courtyard by Marriott, to come up with 100% pure vegetarian restaurant. The brand 'Courtyard by Marriott' was launched in 1983 and has more than 8,000 hotels world wide, but none of them has a 100% vegetarian restaurant. Ahmedabad becomes the fifth city in the country to get Marriott brand and first in the world to have a vegetarian

restaurant under the same brand.

For the first time, the group has come up with vegetarian restaurant and named it 'Shakahari'. The much awaited 164-room business five star hotel, Courtyard by Marriott in Ahmedabad, is finally opening its doors to Gujarat's hospitality industry on Thursday.

After witnessing many ups and downs before launch, the hotel got the required approval and is now ready with 130 deluxe rooms, 22 executive deluxe rooms and 12 courtyard suites for business and leisure.

Besides serving the local delicacies, its upscale vegetarian



Marriott to open on Thursday

restaurant - Shakahari - will offer flavours of Indian cuisine. Shakahari can accommodate 80 people, a company press release said. Apart from it, the hotel also has boardroom features. The hotel has a 4,513 sq feet grand ballroom on the lower ground floor.

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It also offers fitness centre, swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

Courtyard by Marriott was first introduced in India three years ago in Chennai, followed by Pune, Hyderabad and Gurgaon. Marriot International has presence in Mumbai also.