

Arno Liebscher
Director of Food and Beverages, The Sukhothai Shanghai



“In the hospitality it's all about genuine care and empathy, with guests and team alike”

A German native, Arno has contributed immensely to several award-winning restaurants and luxury hotels in Europe and Asia.

With almost 15 years of experience in the food and beverage hospitality industry, his involvement is not only limited to creating exciting food and beverage concepts, but also in the strategic planning and optimising performance that ultimately leads to customer satisfaction. With a strong stakeholder management skill and great interpersonal skills, Arno led a strong teams of up to 160 colleagues from diverse multicultural backgrounds during his career.

Trained as a sommelier, Arno started his career as an Assistant Sommelier in the Michelin-starred restaurant Foliage at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park London.

With a strong organisational aptitude, Arno has been selected to be in the core committees for pre-opening of several high profile establishments including the Bar Boulud Restaurant and the two-star Michelin, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, London and Shangri-La at The Shard. It was during his brief secondment to the China World Beijing, A Shangri-La Hotel that has stemmed his interest of advancing his career in Asia.

After spending eight years in London, Arno decided to relocate to Hong Kong to take on the role of Assistant Director of Food & Beverage in the legendary Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong. In 2017, he moved to The Opposite House Beijing, Swire House Collection as Director of Food and Beverage.

Now gracing The Sukhothai Shanghai with his myriad of talents in the field of local and international dining scene, Arno oversees the management, financial and operation of the five lifestyle restaurants and bar and the conference and banqueting, strongly upholding the brand's highest standards of service delivery. His commitment and desire to liven the customer experiences are marked through mentoring and training provided to his team.

After a hectic work week, Arno enjoys spending some quiet time at home, preparing simple meals to indulge with his family or scouting the city's dining scene. When the travel bugs bite, Arno plans to embark on a journey of discovering China's timeless places of interest.

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About The Sukhothai Shanghai

Strategically located in the business and tourist hotspot of West Nanjing Road and Shimen Yi Road, The Sukhothai Shanghai is a contemporary design hotel that forms an integral part of the HKRI Taikoo Hui mixed-use complex, which also includes Grade-A office towers and a premium shopping mall. A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the hotel features 170 well-appointed guest rooms and 31 residential style suites ranging from 46 to 172 square metres, and five inspiring lifestyle dining venues serving authentic modern cuisines and artisanal beverages, a state-of-the-art fitness studio complete with a 25-metre heated indoor pool, and a spa specialising in revitalising wellness programmes. Crafted for exquisite social and corporate events, conferences and exhibitions of all scales, the Grand Shanghai Ballroom along with six multi-purpose function rooms occupy a spacious area of 450 square metres, conveniently accessible from the main driveway and grand terrazzo staircase.

About HKRI Taikoo Hui

Located at 789 Nanjing Road (West), HKRI Taikoo Hui is a 50:50 joint venture between two Hong Kong listed companies – HKR International and Swire Properties, with a total investment of RMB17 billion. The development covers an area of about 63,000 square metres, and a gross floor area of about 322,000 square metres, including a lifestyle shopping mall, two premium Grade A office towers, three boutique hotels and serviced apartments, and more than 1,200 parking spaces. It has direct access to Metro Line 13, with Line 2 and Line 12 at West Nanjing Road station only walking distance away. The development is also strategically located next to Yan'an Elevated Highway and N-S Elevated Highway, providing direct access to the Hongqiao Transportation Hub and Pudong International Airport.

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