

Attila Balint
Bar and Beverage Manager of The Sukhothai Shanghai



"With dedication, passion, and the right attitude, one can achieve anything in life. Do what you love, and the rest will come naturally. "

Attila Balint has been appointed as the Bar and Beverage Manager of The Sukhothai Shanghai. He is responsible for supervising all the business aspects of The ZUK Bar, URBAN Lounge, and oversees the overall beverage quality of the hotel. In his new capacity, Attila will also take an active approach in curating new concoctions, revamp the hotel's beverage program and re-energize the service standards in the bar and lounge.

Born and raised in Budapest, Hungary, Attila decided to take on the bartending course in 2003 when he enrolled with the Bols Bartender Academy in Budapest. Initially it was for the fun of it, but it became an opportunity that would eventually lead him into a long term career aspiration. After various professional trainings, he worked with two European cruise companies. His career in hotel started with the Lichtenegger ReArt Hotel, Austria and he was in-charge of the bar operation, staff training, and menu development. During his tenure in Germany, Attila upgraded his bar knowledge in various programs and attained the State Proved Master of Bartending CIC and Instructor's License in Germany.

In 2013, Attila decided to relocate to China. He started his journey in Beijing, working as the Bartender Manager at Atmosphere Bar, China World Summit Wing for three years. During his tenure at Atmosphere Bar, Attila led his team to have the bar listed on the World's 50 Best Bars watching list as well as organized several tasting events, masterclasses, guest bartender events, and competitions.

Attila's most recent role was with NUO Hotel Beijing in 2016, where he was the Director of Beverage and was in charge of increasing the brand awareness worldwide for the outlets, conceiving strategies to drive revenue, and assisting the pre-opening of Kempinski in Hangzhou and Singapore.

Attila is passionate about curating unique experiences with traditional tea and handcrafted drinks. To gain a well-rounded knowledge in beverages, Attila enrolled with the Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) and recognised with Level 3 awards for Wine and Sake. He is also a certified tea sommelier with the International Tea Academy (ITA) and French Wine Scholar.

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, cooking, yoga and travel around the world to understand different culture and tradition that enable him to tailor bespoke guests' experiences. He is also keen on sports, such as basketball and cycling.

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.

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