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A Spectacular Culinary Adventure at The Sukhothai Shanghai Five inspiring dining venues to open in April 2018

Shanghai, China - The Sukhothai Shanghai, a contemporary lifestyle hotel located at HKRI Taikoo, features five vibrant and eclectic restaurants and bars with unique themes and settings, set to deliver enriching dining experiences and become one of the city's most sought-after dining destinations.

La Scala



The famous Italian restaurant hailing from the sister hotel in Bangkok, La Scala is led by Michelin-starred guest chef Theodor Falser and Chef de Cuisine Stefano Sanna, and is an ideal choice for those who enjoy an exceptional dining experience.

Inspired by the Italian Renaissance garden, the restaurant showcases the classical notions through the use of hand-glazed ceramic tiles, teakwood parquet flooring and hanging lights framed by gridded wood columns, calling for a sense of contemporary sophistication. The chef's table in the open kitchen is the focal point of the restaurant, where diners can enjoy the chefs' performance and flair.

La Scala's menu is inspired by the pristine nature, using fresh wild ingredients organic produces each season has to offer, with zero frozen or processed products. Innovative dishes include *warm octopus salad, buffalo mozzarella cheese with sundried tomato pesto and arugula, spaghetti alla chitarra, and pesto-marinated 'milk feed' pork neck*, all accompanied by a fine selection of over 180 wines, champagnes, dessert and fortified wines, delivering the most exquisite culinary experience to guests.

URBAN Café



Led by Executive Chef Marcus Ng from Malaysia, all-day restaurant URBAN Café is a lively and buzzing venue serving authentic Asian fare. The design boasts sleek and natural elements, created by the exquisite green leaf-patterned tiles and terrazzo walls. Urban Asian artwork prominently displayed across the restaurant, as well as the custom furnishings perfectly complete the visual concept.

The menu is designed for sharing, with intimate table setting displaying the essence of Asian dining culture. The culinary team maintains the fresh flavours of authentic Asian cuisine through premium seafood, meat and seasonal vegetables. Dishes such as *wagyu beef rendang*, *Malaysia style sauna prawns and scallops with thai dressing*, *seafood laksa noodle* and *Vietnamese style scotch egg with nuoc cham dipping* are all signature classics not to be missed.

URBAN Lounge



Featuring cool, clean-cut lines and minimal furnishings to exude timeless elegance, URBAN Lounge provides a relaxing setting to enjoy an afternoon tea, or for quick gatherings and casual business meetings. The 12-metre teakwood bar spanning across the lounge is the highlight of the restaurant, with natural walnut wood, glowing bronze and textured stones all add to the ambience, finished by abstract paintings to give a warm atmosphere.

Taking an interesting approach to the afternoon tea ritual, *Chocolate Rhapsody* presents both the lighter and darker sides of chocolates, offering a variety of distinctive textures and taste dimensions. The afternoon tea starts with a chocolate fondue featuring 12 different kinds of chocolates served with a variety of dippers, followed by 12 mouth-watering desserts that include all five tastes, with a Very Vodka Cocoa cocktail to perfectly conclude the experience.

Another signature is a gourmet tea menu with 29 different flavours and blends, and a selection of more than 15 freshly infused organic herbs with gin or tea served tableside on a trolley for guests to create their own recipe.

URBAN Lounge also features a gallery with over 90 kinds of global gin and premium tonics, offering a luscious cocktail experience throughout the day. From perennial classics such as a gin and tonic to modern twisted cocktails, there is a concoction suitable for every palate. The chill, relaxing vibes are set by an expertly-curated playlist of live jazz music.

Beans & Grapes (or B&G)



‘Beans’ represent the deep aroma of coffee beans roasting in the day, while ‘Grapes’ represent the true base of a glass of wine and both create the spirits of great community or gathering after a long day of work. The interior is crafted with dark brown teakwood and terrazzo, exuding a clean, refreshing aura. Feature lightings and custom-made furniture add a sense of warmth to the setting.

Casual and modern, Beans & Grapes serves wholesome comfort meals and refreshments during the day, perfect for a quick morning coffee en route to work, grab-and-go lunch, a relaxing hangout, informal business meeting or enjoying a book or two. At sundown, the space is transformed into a more upbeat atmosphere, offering a selection of Asian inspired tapas and global wines by the glass.

All items on the Beans & Grapes menu are freshly-prepared in our kitchens and available all day, including home-baked breads, healthy and wholesome sandwiches, freshly-squeezed and blended juices, plant-based salads-in-the-jar with a twist of Mediterranean and Asian flavours, and delicious cakes. The highlights of Beans & Grapes are our signature pies, Asian or Western favourites that come with a variety of savoury and sweet fillings, such as *satay chicken fillo pie*, *shepherd's pie*, *pumpkin pie*, and *sweet potato and pecan pie*.

The ZUK Bar

Designed as a casual gathering place and a haven for cocktail connoisseurs, The ZUK Bar is a bistro by day with vibrant energy, and a bar with party vibes as night falls. It is a great place to recharge and catch up with friends or business associates in real time rather than virtually.

This boutique lifestyle bar is designed with style and sophistication, defined by white and green leaf-patterned wall tiles, custom-made white and walnut-coloured furnishings and bespoke mood lighting. The intimate rectangular brass-plated bar and surrounding high stools allow guests to catch a glimpse of the art of mixology from our bar experts. The ZUK Bar is accessible from street level with an outdoor terrace set up for alfresco dining and relaxing evenings with a view.

Resident mixologist Vincenzo Pagliara joins from one of the best bars in London, curating bespoke classic and artisanal cocktails to bring exciting creations to guests. The ZUK Bar also offers Nordic light meals featuring local and fresh prime products to create a balanced meal for fish lovers and food enthusiasts who are keen to substitute their day meal with more nutritional options.

Located in the shopping and tourist hotspot of West Nanjing Road and Shimen Yi Road, The Sukhothai Shanghai is a contemporary lifestyle 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 is an inspired work of design by the internationally-acclaimed Neri&Hu Design and Research Office, featuring 170 well-appointed guest rooms and 31 suites ranging from 44 to 172 square metres, five inspiring lifestyle dining venues, a state-of-the-art fitness studio complete with a 25-metre heated indoor pool, and The Retreat spa specialising in revitalising wellness programmes. Upholding our goal to deliver experiential hospitality, The Sukhothai Shanghai strives to offer personable services and unforgettable experiences to guests visiting the bustling metropolis.



About The Sukhothai Hotels & Resorts

The Sukhothai hotel logo consists of 22 diamond droplets forming the Chedi design that was inspired by Sukhothai, the first capital of Siam. Each drop of diamond, polished to an identical marquise shape and seemingly finding its own position within the whole represents the individuals of the qualified hotel associates who, guided by intuition yet precise in every detail, anticipate our guests' needs and cater to them exceptionally.

Each property within the brand portfolio remains distinct and uniquely designed while maintaining the essential quality that is the hallmark of the brand.

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 which accommodates a lifestyle shopping mall, two premium Grade A office towers, three boutique hotels and serviced apartment, and more than 1,200 parking spaces. It is connected to Metro Line 13, with Line 2 and Line 12 at West Nanjing Road station only a 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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