

**A Place Apart in the Heart of Shanghai
The Sukhothai Shanghai Slated to Open in April 2018**



Shanghai, China – The Sukhothai Shanghai, a contemporary lifestyle hotel conveniently located at HKRI Taikoo Hui in the vibrant Jingan district, is scheduled to open in April, 2018. An inspired work of design by the internationally-acclaimed Neri&Hu Design and Research Office, the 201-room luxury hotel marks the first foray into Mainland China’s hospitality scene by the prestigious Sukhothai Hotels & Resorts.

A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the hotel comprises 170 tastefully designed guest rooms and 31 well-appointed suites, featuring natural materials including the environmentally-friendly diatom-silica clay wall, which is highly effective in air purification, humidity regulation and sound absorption to create a healthy and pure peaceful environment. Ranging from 44 to 172 square-metres, the guest rooms are among the largest in the city. Designed for comfort and convenience, each guest room and suite comprises a spacious bathroom with organic amenities from Australia, 55” or 65” high-definition television with Sonos sound bar and on-demand access to an array of media and infotainment content through IPTV and satellite TV, along with thoughtful extras such as advanced in-room control technology with intuitive interface, wireless high-speed internet connection, and in-room refreshment and wine bar.

Vibrant and eclectic, The Sukhothai Shanghai's five inspiring dining venues are poised to become the city's dining destinations. Alongside the Michelin-starred master chef Theodor Falser, chef de cuisine Stefano Sanna takes the helm of the urban Italian restaurant La Scala, serving fresh-to-order contemporary Italian cuisine with seasonal ingredients, paired with a fine selection of Italian boutique wines. All-day-dining restaurant URBAN Cafe indulges guests with authentic Southeast Asian, Western and Oriental cuisines under the leadership of executive chef Marcus Ng, while URBAN Lounge offers a sophisticated collection of premium gins and tonics, a herb trolley with over 15 infused fresh herbs to be served with premium teas, all complemented by live jazz in the evening. A bistro by day and a lively bar by night, The ZUK Bar is the best location to enjoy simple modern Nordic cuisine and artisanal cocktails by our resident mixologist Vincenzo Pagliara. Modern café Beans & Grapes serves a healthy selection of quality light fare and beverages during the day, and Asian-inspired tapas paired with wine by the glass from sundown.

The second floor is home to the Grand Shanghai Ballroom, along with six multi-purpose function rooms, spanning a spacious 450 square-metres. Crafted for exquisite social and corporate events, conferences and exhibitions, the meeting facilities are equipped with high-definition widescreen displays, full-range quality acoustics and lighting effects, all efficiently operated from an intelligent iPad master control. The Pantry is a new concept offering event delegates a communal space to relax and socialise during refreshment breaks.

The health and wellness facilities include a 198-square-metre Fitness Studio complete with state-of-the-art equipment and a separate studio for yoga, Pilates and group exercise. Guests can also take advantage of the 25-metre heated indoor pool, sauna and steam room. The Retreat Spa offers a range of Southeast Asian healing therapies and signature wellness programmes.

A new lifestyle landmark, The Sukhothai Shanghai brings together sophisticated design, tasteful interiors, an elegant ambience, thoughtfully-curated facilities and attentive hospitality. Created for discerning travellers, the hotel features an alluring collection of natural materials and textures in soothing neutral tones, enriched by thoughtful details. The hotel also boasts a curated selection of over 30 artworks featuring local and international artists, and a stylish set of uniforms designed in collaboration with students from the respected Raffles Design Academy. With a passion for genuine hospitality, the new hotel continues Sukhothai's service philosophy of offering an intelligent approach to deliver personalised service and enrich the experience of guests visiting one of Asia's most cosmopolitan cities.

“Having established The Sukhothai Bangkok as one of Asia’s most iconic properties, we are excited to open the brand’s second property in Mainland China,” says Marcel N.A. Holman, general manager of The Sukhothai Shanghai. “The Sukhothai Shanghai has a unique, individual character inspired by the dynamics of the city, authentically reflected in the design and amenities thoughtfully-crafted by our dedicated team. I am confident The Sukhothai Shanghai will become ‘A Place Apart’ in the energetic city of Shanghai”.

Located in the retail and tourist hotspot of West Nanjing Road and Shimen Yi Road, The Sukhothai Shanghai forms an integral part of the HKRI Taikoo Hui mixed-use complex, which also includes Grade-A office towers and a premium lifestyle shopping mall.

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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.

About HKR International Limited

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