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## FOREWORD

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Travel Aggregator of 2020!

This month, WebBeds' dedicated travel trade newsletter for Asia Pacific invites you to open your senses to new travel experiences! Take our quiz and discover your perfect sensory adventure, then read our article and find out the best destinations for sight, smell, sound, taste and touch!

Also in January's edition, we've created the soundtrack to your next Asian vacation with a special playlist for guests visiting South Korea, Singapore and Japan, while our technology feature reveals how the hospitality industry is enhancing guest experiences by rolling out a series of state-of-the-art innovations. Are you considering taking a short break in Asia this year? If so, we'll help you plan it with insights into four destinations, revealing the "must-see", "must-do" and "must-eat" attractions in each.

As always, we'll present some of the most exciting new hotel openings, plus all the latest news and exclusive offers. Finally, as WebBeds celebrates its third anniversary in Asia Pacific, I talk exclusively to Travel Aggregator about our company's past, present and future.

I hope you enjoy the read and have a wonderful 2020.

**Daryl Lee**  
CEO of WebBeds  
Asia Pacific

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## Island Escape by Burasari, Phuket

Do you dream of unwinding on a private tropical island, with powder-soft beaches and crystal clear seas, whilst also enjoying luxurious accommodation and personalised service? This is what awaits at Island Escape by Burasari, a brand new resort off the coast of Phuket.

Nestled on Koh Maphrao (Coconut Island), this brand new five-star retreat is a pristine oasis. The resort blends seamlessly into its surroundings, with a low-impact development that has been carefully crafted using natural materials. Within this landscape lies a series of "zones" – Ocean, Aqua World, Tropical Oasis and Sanctuary – creating options for all types of holiday, from intimate escapes to multi-generational vacations.

Guests can plunge into a wonderland of infinity pools and water slides, fly through the jungle on ziplines, enjoy soothing treatments at the Spa Burasari, or unwind on hammocks swinging over sparkling lagoons. A wide range of accommodation is available, from deluxe rooms to four-bedroom pool villas, all featuring free Wi-Fi, in-room tablets and complimentary minibars, and the resort's culinary team is on hand to prepare exquisite meals, including private dinners.





## Short getaways to make it through 2020

The New Year has just begun, so there's no better time to start planning your annual leave and public holidays for the upcoming year! Instead of taking one long holiday, why not split your vacation days into a series of shorter, more frequent breaks? There are many proven benefits to this: not only are short trips a great way of escaping your daily routine and experiencing somewhere new, they can also improve mental health and boost productivity. What's more, they are easier to plan and cost less than extended vacations.

Here are four excellent quick break options to add to your 2020 travel bucket list, with local tips to make the most of your time in each destination.

# Bali

## MUST-SEE

A **kecak fire dance** is one of Bali's most iconic art performances, and can be enjoyed in a dramatic clifftop amphitheatre beside the Uluwatu Temple.

## MUST-DO

Visit one of Bali's legendary **beach clubs** and completely relax with refreshing drinks, while unwinding on the white sand beach, gazing out over the ocean.

## MUST-EAT

A **seafood dinner** at Jimbaran Bay. This sandy beach comes alive after dark, with three main clusters of seafood restaurants to suit any budget.



## MUST-STAY

# Ayodya Resort Bali

Designed to resemble a Balinese water palace, **Ayodya Resort Bali** is a five-star, beachfront resort nestled in 29 acres of landscaped gardens, complete with beautiful lagoon pools. Guests can stroll through the tropical gardens and enjoy ocean views from their elegant rooms, furnished with private balconies and luxurious amenities.



# Bangkok

 MUST-SEE

The inspiring architecture of **The Grand Palace**, Bangkok's most famous landmark and the seat of Thailand's highly-revered royal family.

 MUST-DO

Enjoy a traditional **Thai massage**. Believed to date back 2,500 years, this intense and invigorating treatment targets the body's natural energy lines.

 MUST-EAT

**Tom Yum Goong** is an irresistible sour and spicy clear soup, usually cooked with shrimps. Highly aromatic with lemongrass and Thai herbs, this is Thailand's most desirable dish.



 MUST-STAY

## Galleria 10 Sukhumvit Bangkok

Ideal for on-the-go leisure travellers, **Galleria 10 Sukhumvit Bangkok** is a trendy four-star city hotel that offers excellent connectivity, including free high-speed Wi-Fi in all 188 bright and well-designed rooms. A stylish blend of modern and retro design provides a charming sense of elegance in the heart of the city.

# Ho Chi Minh City

## MUST-SEE

The **War Remnants Museum** reveals how warfare has shaped modern Vietnam, with military exhibits and documentary evidence from the French and American wars.

## MUST-DO

Take a **Vietnamese cooking class** and learn the secrets of this country's rich culinary culture, including its philosophies on health and well-being.

## MUST-EAT

Literally meaning "sizzling pancake", **bánh xèo** blends pork, shrimp, onions, mung beans and beansprouts, topped with mint or holy basil.



## MUST-STAY

# Hotel Nikko Saigon

**Hotel Nikko Saigon** promises refined Japanese hospitality in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City. This elegant five-star hotel presents ultimate comfort and excellent facilities in its 334 spacious rooms and 53 serviced apartments. Guests can also discover the city's most talked-about seafood buffet line and a stunning outdoor garden.

# Penang



## MUST-SEE

The UNESCO World Heritage site of **Georgetown**, Penang's main city, with its irresistible combination of delightful art, rich heritage and sumptuous food.



## MUST-DO

Bring your camera and take a **photographic tour** through the city streets, discovering amazing murals influenced by Georgetown's rich history, heritage and culture.



## MUST-EAT

Asam Laksa is Penang's most popular hawker food. This signature bowl of hot and savoury fish broth is served with rice noodles, mackerel and sliced vegetables.



## MUST-STAY

# Macalister Mansion

**Macalister Mansion** is a bespoke boutique hotel in a stately old mansion with eight stylishly appointed rooms for a truly intimate stay. This lavish property features all-day dining in the Living Room to satisfy cravings for local and international flavours, and an exquisite selection of international wines in The Cellar.



# The Past, Present and Future of WebBeds

An Interview with **Daryl Lee**,  
CEO, Asia Pacific - WebBeds

**W**ebBeds has successfully grown and evolved to become the world's second largest B2B accommodation provider, including a series of high-profile acquisitions. Having recently celebrated its third anniversary in Asia Pacific, Daryl Lee, the company's regional CEO, talks exclusively to Travel Aggregator about the past, present and future for this rapid-expanding B2B company...

**FIT Ruums was formed in November 2016 to service the APAC region. Was there a specific reason for this timing?**

We observed that there were a number of markets such as Vietnam, Philippines and Indonesia exhibiting exponential growth in demand for travel. However, there were not many authentic B2B hotel distribution players dedicated to the needs of the region.

## “The acquisitions of both JacTravel and DOTW were game-changing”

We anticipated the market would eagerly welcome a new B2B hotel distribution provider that was strongly focused on the travel requirements of Asia Pacific travel agents and hotel partners – one that aggregated a high degree of market intelligence, big data analytics, products and technology, and that aims to grow with the markets holistically.

**What were some of the challenges faced by FIT Ruums as a start-up?**

We were very confident we had assembled the best talent with the right skills and experience to drive the business. But as with most start-ups, the early days were spent building awareness, explaining to prospective partners the value of our proposition and convincing clients and suppliers to take the first step of entering into a long-term strategic partnership with us. We were very fortunate that we were able to progressively gain the trust and support of many established travel companies and supply partners.

**Acquiring JacTravel in 2017 and Destinations of the World (DOTW) in 2018 must have required extensive integration within the organisation. How has the process been like?**

The acquisitions of both JacTravel and DOTW were game-changing and highly transformational for us in Asia Pacific. Both businesses brought extensive supplier relationships, improved distribution networks across many markets, greater expertise and experience. We grew from two dozen employees to nearly 300 in a very short space of time.

The overarching objective following each acquisition was to achieve stability quickly, with minimal disruption to our partners. As we were highly confident of the long-term potential of Asia Pacific, the key focus of integration was to build a scalable and effective structure that best served our clients and suppliers. We are certain that we have far exceeded the expectations we set for ourselves.

**Are there any other expansion plans for the future?**

Apart from staying pragmatic and close to the markets, our aspiration is to be the most relevant partner for both the demand and supply sides of our business. We will also continue to invest extensively in the three biggest economies in Asia Pacific – China, Japan and India – to further improve our offerings to our partners in these markets.

**What differentiates WebBeds from the other wholesalers/bed banks in the industry?**

Our model is one of aggregation, where our platforms allow both large and smaller travel businesses to gain access to the widest supply. Similarly, through building an extensive network of travel companies across all geographies and segments, we can help our hotel partners to aggregate demand from a broader base, thus simplifying the previously complex and fragmented travel ecosystem.

We strongly believe in building long-term value for our clients and suppliers to assist them in diversifying their product range and catchment, while being less affected by seasonal cycles.

Another key point of difference is our commitment to driving growth throughout the entire industry. In late 2019, we launched the WebBeds Destination Index (WBDI) which provides unique insights, industry data, and market intelligence, to help the travel trade work more effectively and achieve positive results.

**How do you see the industry changing in the next three years?**

The hotel landscape is seeing unprecedented change. For example, in 2013 Accor had 3,600 hotels and 14 brands. Today, through acquisitions and investments, it has nearly 5,000 hotels under 39 brands (and growing). Marriott purchased Starwood, IHG acquired

“We strongly believe in building long-term value for our clients and suppliers”

Kimpton and Regent, and Jin Jiang took Radisson under its wing. I have no doubt this is just the beginning and we will continue to see further consolidation among the largest players. Global hotel chains with deep pockets will be eager to expand aggressively.

However, as people increasingly crave distinctive experiences, independent hotels and small local chains will continue to attract discerning travellers. This should mean that independent hotels that are unique, boutique or historic, and that stay true to their unique DNA, will continue to prosper.

From a B2B distribution perspective, technology will become ever more important. The introduction of 5G mobile networks means that platforms and machines need to be able to process more information, quicker and more accurately.

Instant real-time availability will become a basic requirement and travel companies will need to adopt and adapt much quicker in the coming years, compared to the last decade.

**How has data and technology played a part in the WebBeds business?**

WebBeds is a global travel company with access to a matrix of travel data. From customer search information to booking trends, this valuable information has fuelled our growth and directed our investments. We have also been able to implement a lot of the best technological resources from JacTravel, DOTW and also our B2C brands, Webjet and Online Republic, to scale-up our offerings to our customers and suppliers.



Daryl and the team at the WebBeds Destination Index (WBDI) Launch Event in Hong Kong on 31 Oct 2019

# Discover the World's Most Inspiring Hotels & Resorts

Hotels today are more than just places to stay and sleep – they are destinations in their own right. All across the world, hoteliers are creating exceptional new properties that elevate the guest experience to impressive new heights. From cutting-edge new-builds to converted heritage buildings, refined urban boutiques to blissful beach resorts, guests have never before enjoyed so many outstanding accommodation options.

In this month's edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds is proud to present its 2020 Lookbook – a collection of the world's most inspiring hotels and resorts.



Bali  
**ANANTARA SEMINYAK  
BALI RESORT**  
★★★★★



Bangkok  
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RESORT BANGKOK**  
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★★★★★



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ENCORE RESORTS**  
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Phuket  
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Seoul  
**THE SHILLA SEOUL**  
★★★★★



Shanghai  
**THE LANGHAM, SHANGHAI,  
XINTIANDI**  
★★★★★



Siem Reap  
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D' ANGKOR**  
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Tokyo  
**OAKWOOD PREMIER TOKYO**  
★★★★



Vienna  
**DAS TRIEST**  
★★★★★

## When you travel, which of your senses do you rely on to help you delve deeper into a destination?

From visual wonders at Instagram-worthy scenic sites, to nose-tickling scents around a town, to treating your taste buds at street food stalls and restaurants, your senses can elevate any travel experience. Take this quiz to discover your perfect trip, based on your own distinct senses...

### 1. When you are not sure how to spell a word, what are you most likely to do?

- A. Associate the word with a smell
- B. Write it down to see if it looks right
- C. Trace the letters in the air (finger spelling)
- D. Play word games
- E. Spell it out loud to see if it sounds right

### 2. What do you wish to receive as a gift for your birthday?

- A. A nice smelling candle
- B. A pair of sunglasses
- C. A spa/massage voucher
- D. A treat to a fancy restaurant
- E. A short video message from your friends

### 3. What is the first thing you do when your dish arrives in a restaurant?

- A. Smell the food
- B. Take a photo of the dish and post it on Instagram
- C. Grab your utensils in excitement
- D. Devour the food immediately
- E. Say... 'Dig in!'

### 4. How would you most like to spend a free afternoon?

- A. Declutter your room and give it a fresh scent
- B. Visit museums
- C. Create a DIY terrarium
- D. Challenge yourself to make new recipes
- E. Create a playlist for your next trip

### 5. Which dream getaway appeals to you most?

- A. Truffle hunting
- B. Photographing the "Big Five" on safari
- C. A mountain-top adventure
- D. Explore the floating markets of Asia
- E. Sailboat fishing in the Caribbean

### 6. What is your favourite activity?

- A. Going on a hike
- B. Stargazing
- C. Riding a rollercoaster
- D. Visiting a farmer's market
- E. Learning a new language

### 7. What is the first item you pack for every trip?

- A. Essential oils to combat nausea
- B. Digital camera
- C. A neck scarf to keep you warm and stylish
- D. Activated charcoal pill, just in case!
- E. Noise cancelling earphones to eliminate distractions

### 8. What's more important to you when you travel?

- A. Trying out new experiences
- B. Taking photos of all the places you've visited
- C. Buying a local souvenir as a keepsake
- D. Having a chance to savour all the local food
- E. Connecting with the sights and sounds of the city.



### Mostly As - Grasse

Visit Grasse in France to engage your sense of smell. Concoct your very own signature scent at a perfume workshop to take home!

### Mostly Bs - Dubai

Visit one of the world's most extravagant destinations and feast your eyes on the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa. Then head to the observation deck and see how many incredible architectural marvels you can spot!



### Mostly Cs - Jaipur

You rely on your sense of touch. India has a reputation for producing vibrant textiles, so go on a shopping spree at the bazaars in Jaipur and have a feel of the fabric made by highly skilled craftsmen.

### Mostly Ds - Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a gastronomic paradise with a vibrant street food and fine-dining scene. Areas such as Wanchai, Mongkok, Tsim Sha Tsui and Sham Shui Po have the highest concentration of eateries, so make sure you treat your taste buds.



### Mostly Es - Melbourne

You're destined for the big city! In Melbourne, the streets come alive with the sound of music! You'll often find talented buskers along Bourke Street Mall, so take your time to explore the city and enjoy the melodies.



## Feed Your Five Senses: A City for Each

As we travel the world, we quickly realise that different destinations create different sensory experiences. Certain cities around the world are so distinctive in their sounds, aromas or aesthetics, that only by fully engaging our five senses can we fully appreciate our travel experience. While every location has its own impact and ambience, certain places seem to have a more deliberate effect on our feelings than others. Here's WebBeds' guide to the world's most sensuous cities...


**SMELL**

# Grasse

The French town of Grasse is famously the world's perfume capital. This charming medieval settlement, with its cobblestone streets, is home to 65 fragrance-related companies. Visitors can take free tours of three traditional perfume factories to see how they operate – and to learn how a “nose,” also known as a perfume maker, helps to create a unique fragrance. Visitors also have the opportunity to discover just how good of a “nose” they are, and even create their own personal fragrance.


**WHERE TO STAY**

**Best Western Plus Hotel Elixir Grasse** blends local Provençal-style architecture with modern facilities to make guests feel right at home. This tranquil accommodation is conveniently located near to the city's main attractions such as the Grasse Cathedral and the International Perfume Museum.



## SIGHT

# Dubai

A feast for the eyes, the Emirati city of Dubai is a global showcase of architecture and human endeavour. The Burj Khalifa is a shining beacon on the city's skyline, at over 828 metres tall. Visitors can ascend to the 125th floor for an unforgettable view of the city far below. And let's not forget the Dubai Frame – a true masterpiece in Zabeel Park. It is the largest frame on the planet; one side depicts Dubai's past while the other looks to its future.



## WHERE TO STAY

**Mövenpick Hotel and Apartments Bur Dubai** is nestled in the heart of Dubai, allowing guests to experience every visual stimulus the city has to offer. The 312 rooms and apartments create a complete sense of peace and comfort, while also providing the perfect base to explore the spectacular attractions of Dubai.



TOUCH

## Jaipur

India is one of the most stunning places on the planet – a country that simply overloads the senses. The “Pink City” of Jaipur is truly charming, with its colourful building and bustling bazaars, visitors can experience an amazing array of textures as they peruse the many different textiles. Inspect the exotic fabrics and run your hands gently along a swath of finely-spun silk. Then allow your fingertips to explore the textured pottery, fashioned by true experts in the clay-making arts.



WHERE TO STAY

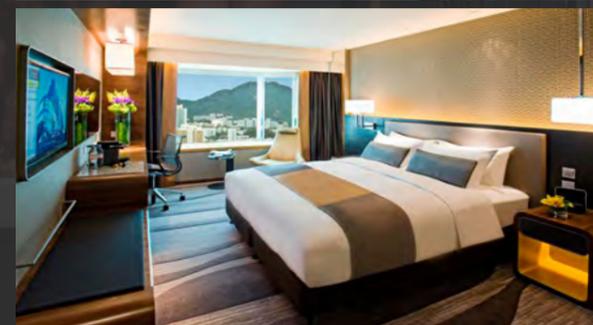
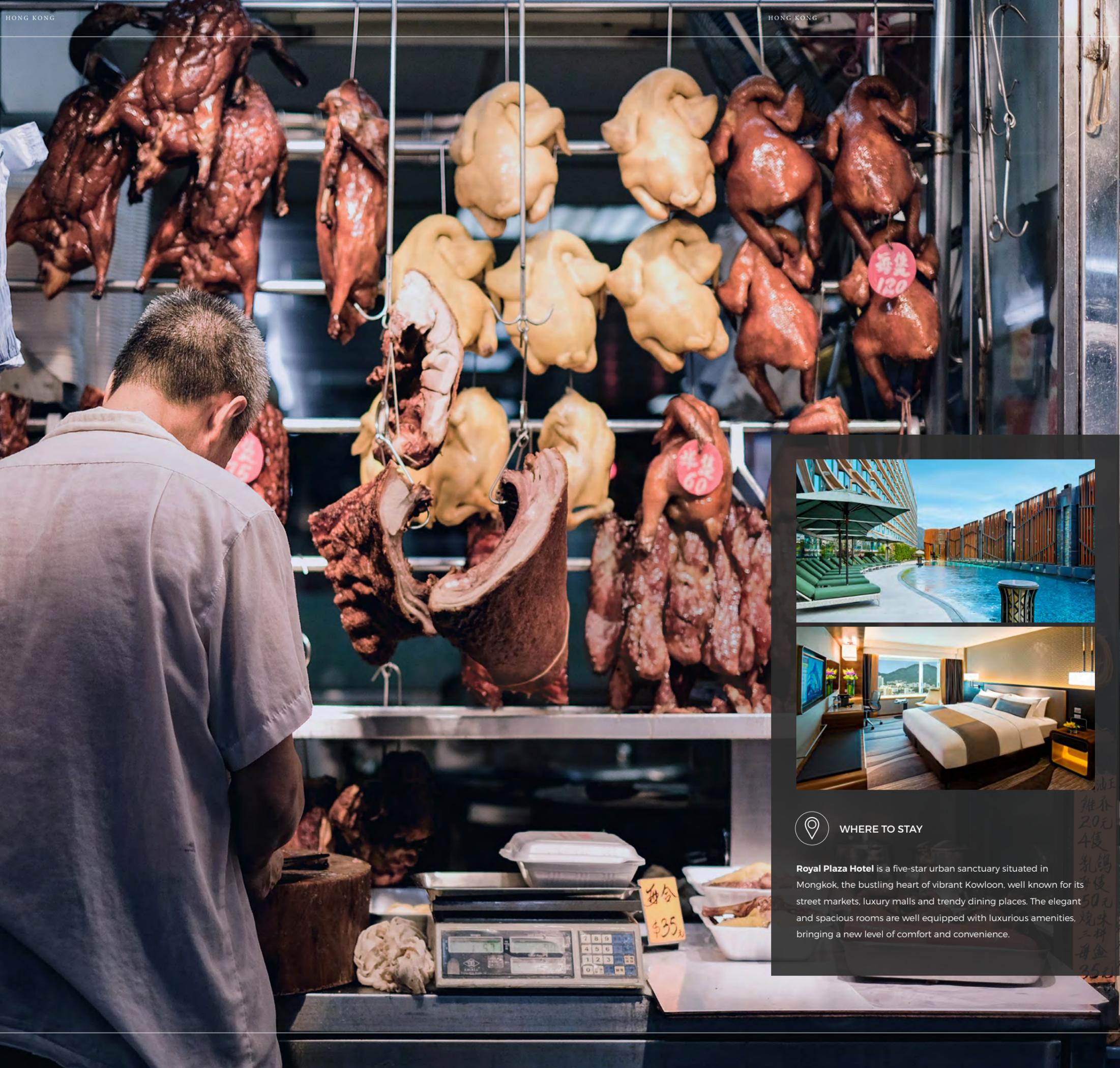
The luxurious Taj heritage hotel, **Jai Mahal Palace**, is set amidst 18 acres of landscaped Mughal gardens. Choose from a range of rooms and suites that offer breathtaking views of the city and palace gardens and savour exquisite flavours at the two specialty restaurants – Cinnamon and Giardino. With its serene and soothing ambience, Jiva Spa is the perfect place for a pampering session.



TASTE

# Hong Kong

Hong Kong is one of the world's culinary capitals. This international city is heralded for its hallmark dish of roast goose, but there are many other culinary treasures to explore, such as char siew (Hong Kong-style barbequed pork), siu mai (shrimp dumplings), delectable dim sum or pan-fried turnip cakes. Let your palette do the 'sightseeing' with over 50 Michelin-starred restaurants, where fancy fare is the norm. With many other global cuisines on show, one can take a culinary journey around the world in Hong Kong.



WHERE TO STAY

**Royal Plaza Hotel** is a five-star urban sanctuary situated in Mongkok, the bustling heart of vibrant Kowloon, well known for its street markets, luxury malls and trendy dining places. The elegant and spacious rooms are well equipped with luxurious amenities, bringing a new level of comfort and convenience.

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**HEARING**

# Melbourne

This Australian treasure has a reputation for supporting the arts. As you walk along Bourke Street, the city comes alive with talented buskers displaying all manner of musical performances that tease the ears and entice you to stop for a while to listen, in exchange for a kind donation.

These musicians are talented artists who brighten up the streets, create a vibrant atmosphere and bring high-quality entertainment to locals and tourists alike.

**WHERE TO STAY**

Strategically located in the heart of Melbourne's central business district, **Citadines on Bourke Melbourne** is the perfect location to experience this lively and exciting city. Guests can stay in modern apartments furnished with fully-equipped kitchenettes and modern amenities.



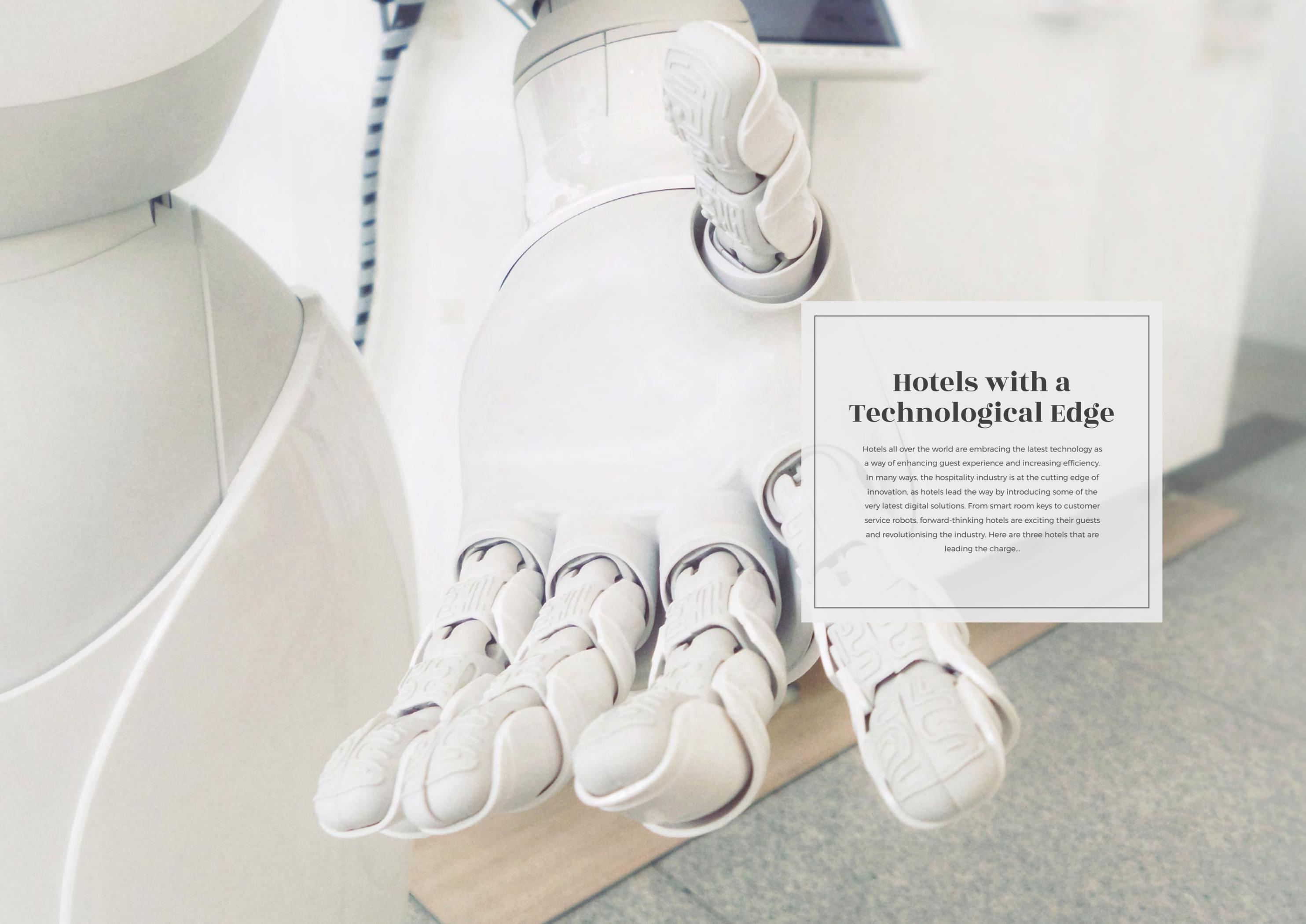
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## Hotels with a Technological Edge

Hotels all over the world are embracing the latest technology as a way of enhancing guest experience and increasing efficiency. In many ways, the hospitality industry is at the cutting edge of innovation, as hotels lead the way by introducing some of the very latest digital solutions. From smart room keys to customer service robots, forward-thinking hotels are exciting their guests and revolutionising the industry. Here are three hotels that are leading the charge...

## Chase Walker Hotel, Taichung, Taiwan: Robotic Luggage System

Chase Walker's newest addition, a robotic deposit luggage system, puts this affordable property at the forefront of the tech revolution. It already had the distinction of being Taiwan's first self-service check-in hotel, and now has now taken things up a notch by bringing robots into the mix. By rolling out these new time-saving innovations, this tech-savvy hotel is expected to appeal to millennials.

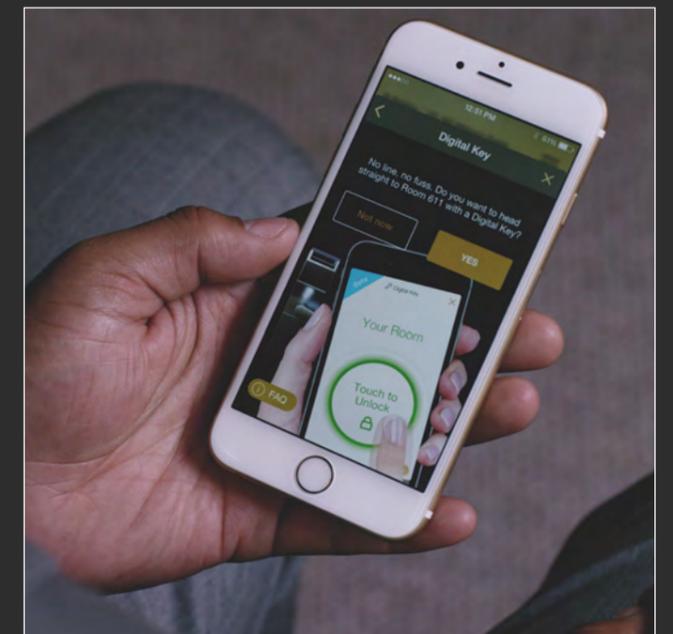
Let's say you have checked-in using the automated kiosk in the lobby, but your room is not quite ready. You can now leave your bags safely and securely with the robotic arm storage baggage service, then head out and explore the city. When you return, you can simply reclaim your baggage and head to your room. Eventually, the hotel is hoping to develop a complete self-service system.



## Hilton Worldwide: Digital Key

After a long journey, the last thing travellers want is a long queue at the hotel's reception desk. To help streamline the arrival process, several hotel groups are now rolling out digital room keys. One such company is Hilton, which has introduced this new feature for members of its loyalty programme. Using the Hilton Honors app, guests can make a reservation, choose their favourite room and check-in online. Then upon arrival, they can bypass the check-in desk and unlock their door using their smartphone.

Digital Key is available at over 4,500 Hilton hotels around the world. What's more, members can customise their stay by choosing their preferred snacks, drinks and pillows. This is all part of Hilton's efforts to create a more personalised stay.



## Hotel Ottilia, Copenhagen, Denmark: Self-disinfecting Room

Do you sometimes worry whether your hotel room is truly clean? If so, perhaps you should consider staying in a room that has the ability to disinfect itself! Opened in early 2019, Hotel Ottilia has deployed the very latest hygiene technology. Danish company ACT.Global has partnered with the hotel to provide its ACTCleanCoat system, which uses a sunlight-activated device to deploy a colourless and odourless antibacterial spray every morning.

The main ingredient, titanium dioxide, which is also found in sunscreen, has been thoroughly tested to break down harmful microbes, ranging from salmonella to mould spores and allergens. The housekeepers still have a job to do, but this technology ensures that they don't have to use harmful chemical cleaning agents to get your room sparkling clean.





## Your Destination Playlist

What type of music feeds your desire to travel? A smooth ballad or a good ol' country song might encourage you to hit the open road. A pop song or dance anthem might make you feel like partying by the beach. Or do you have some special songs that take you down memory lane, reminding you of those life-changing trips of your youth?

Music is a universal language that speaks to us all. Some even say that music is food for our soul and helps to channel our emotions. As you read on, scan the QR code to listen to WebBeds' curated playlist, which was been carefully crafted to pique your inner wanderlust.

WebBeds' Spotify Playlist





NOW PLAYING:  
Psy - Gangnam Style (강남스타일)

## Gangnam, Seoul

This song was an instant worldwide hit and its music video is still one of the most watched on YouTube. Don't miss performing the iconic horse-riding dance on the special stage set up near Exit 5 of Seoul's Gangnam Station, providing a fun photo opportunity for tourists and locals alike!

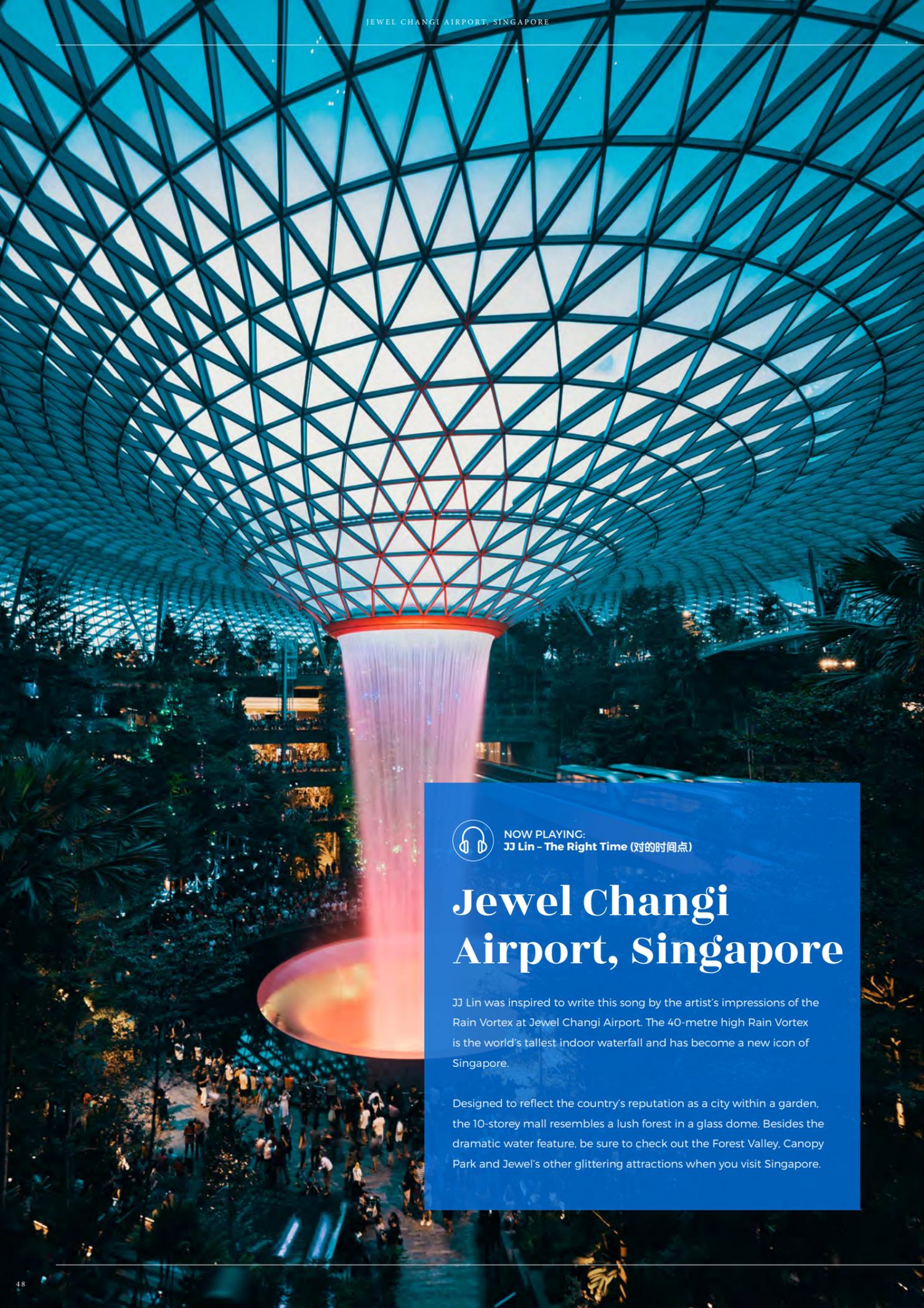
This Beverly Hills of South Korea is also home to many high-end fashion brands, boutiques, beauty clinics, bars, clubs, celebrity penthouses and much more.



WHERE TO STAY

## Imperial Palace Seoul

Experience the high life in the heart of Gangnam. This luxurious hotel exudes an artistic ambience, furnished with European-style interiors, antiques and paintings. Equipped with a gymnasium, spa, golf range, outdoor pool, garden terrace, traditional cultural centre and various dining options, guests have plenty of ways to unwind and enjoy their stay.



NOW PLAYING:  
JJ Lin - The Right Time (对的时间点)

# Jewel Changi Airport, Singapore

JJ Lin was inspired to write this song by the artist's impressions of the Rain Vortex at Jewel Changi Airport. The 40-metre high Rain Vortex is the world's tallest indoor waterfall and has become a new icon of Singapore.

Designed to reflect the country's reputation as a city within a garden, the 10-storey mall resembles a lush forest in a glass dome. Besides the dramatic water feature, be sure to check out the Forest Valley, Canopy Park and Jewel's other glittering attractions when you visit Singapore.



WHERE TO STAY

# The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore

Located downtown in the charming civic and cultural district of Singapore, The Capitol Kempinski boasts traditional architecture with modern touches, promising the finest luxury. The impressive facilities include a 24-hour concierge, an outdoor saltwater swimming pool, a fitness centre and spa. Guests also have direct access to extensive dining and shopping options.



NOW PLAYING:  
Gwen Stefani - Harajuku Girls

## Harajuku, Tokyo

Harajuku is the centre of Japan's upbeat teen pop culture. The district manages to blend tradition and modernity, while showcasing the latest fashions and fads. The concepts of freedom and self-expression influenced American singer Gwen Stefani when she wrote this song.

Take a stroll along Takeshita-dori or Omotesando, Tokyo's Champs-Elysees, to shop at the trendy fashion boutiques and dine at interesting cafés and restaurants. Shopping aside, Harajuku is also home to the Meiji Shrine and Yoyogi Park.



WHERE TO STAY

## Hotel Tavinós Hamamatsucho

With unique room designs based on manga motifs, a symbol of the Japanese youth culture, Hotel Tavinós Hamamatsucho is the perfect place for travellers to soak up the spirit of Harajuku. Facilities include automatic check-in / check-out machines, an AI concierge, a lounge with complimentary light breakfast service and a laundry.



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