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FOREWORD

Welcome to the August 2023 edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' monthly newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific.

This month, we're celebrating World Photography Day with a review of the planet's best places to capture your most spectacular shots. Whatever type of photographer you are, we have the ultimate setting to snap the beauty of human life, inspiring architecture, breath-taking landscapes and more!

Did you know that World Calligraphy Day also falls in August? This is one of the world's most ancient artforms, dating back thousands of years and flowing through human history. If you love to explore the beauty of the written word, our insightful article will uncover some of the finest cities and museums to learn about calligraphy.

Are you planning a business trip? If so, this edition of Travel Aggregator is for you! We showcase some of Asia Pacific's most dynamic corporate districts and reveal which hotels will help to maximise your productivity.

This month, our "Featured Hotel" is the five-star Centara Grand Hotel Osaka. "Newly-Opened" checks in to Mondrian Singapore Duxton, and of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

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World Photography Day



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Mondrian Singapore Duxton



Accor has introduced a stylish new hotel to the heart of Singapore's trendy downtown district. Surrounded by cool cafés and colourful shophouses, yet also overlooking the soaring skyscrapers of the CBD, Mondrian Duxton Singapore blends heritage with modernity.

Stepping inside this elegant building, the five-star hotel houses 302 rooms and suites, all designed by Studio Carter and equipped with state-of-the-art technology and high-end amenities by Malin + Goetz. A collection of Shophouse Suites showcase floor-to-ceiling windows with white shuttered blinds.

Foodies can savour fine Italian cuisine at Bottega di Carna, grab a coffee at Christina's, sip tropical cocktails at the Jungle Ballroom, or relax at the Hollywood-inspired Rooftop Bar, which features cosy cabanas and spectacular views of the urban skyline. The hotel is also within 1km of 14 Michelin-starred restaurants, making this the ultimate base for a gastronomic tour of Singapore.

When guests are not uncovering the city, they can simply cool off in the infinity pool, work out with Technogym equipment in the 24-hour fitness centre, or admire original artworks and installations all around the hotel.

For curious explorers who are keen to discover the energy and elegance of this Southeast Asian city, Mondrian Duxton Singapore is an outstanding new place to stay.





Discover the charm and magic of the British era at The Claridges Nabha Residence, nestled in the hill station of Mussoorie. This exquisite hotel is surrounded by a sprawling 13-acre lush green private estate covered in cedar and oak forests, and the romantic, single-story colonial building offers breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and valleys, creating a truly captivating experience.

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Discover the Ancient Art of Calligraphy

Calligraphy is one of the world's most elegant and enduring artforms, with a history dating back thousands of years from classical Greece to ancient China. To mark World Calligraphy Day on 16th August, we look at four of the world's most iconic styles of script – Arabic, East Asian, South Asian and Western – and reveal the best places to witness them first-hand.



 WHERE TO STAY

Armada Hotel, Istanbul

Nestled in the historic centre of Istanbul, just a short distance from the city's cultural attractions, this upscale hotel offers 108 spacious rooms and apartments with modern amenities, overlooking the Bosphorus. Guests can savour authentic Turkish cuisine with great views from The Terrace, unwind at the Radio Bar, or take a waterfront tour on the Armada Boat.





East Asian Calligraphy

📍 BEIJING, CHINA

Calligraphy is a highly respected and historic artform in East Asia. China, Japan and Korea have all developed their own unique styles, the learning of which is considered an important part of personal development and is taught in most schools. The “Four Treasures of the Study” are the brush, inkstick, inkstone and mulberry paper.

The Capital Museum in Beijing, China, exhibits an extensive collection of works from Chinese history, including stele calligraphy which began to thrive during the Qing Dynasty.

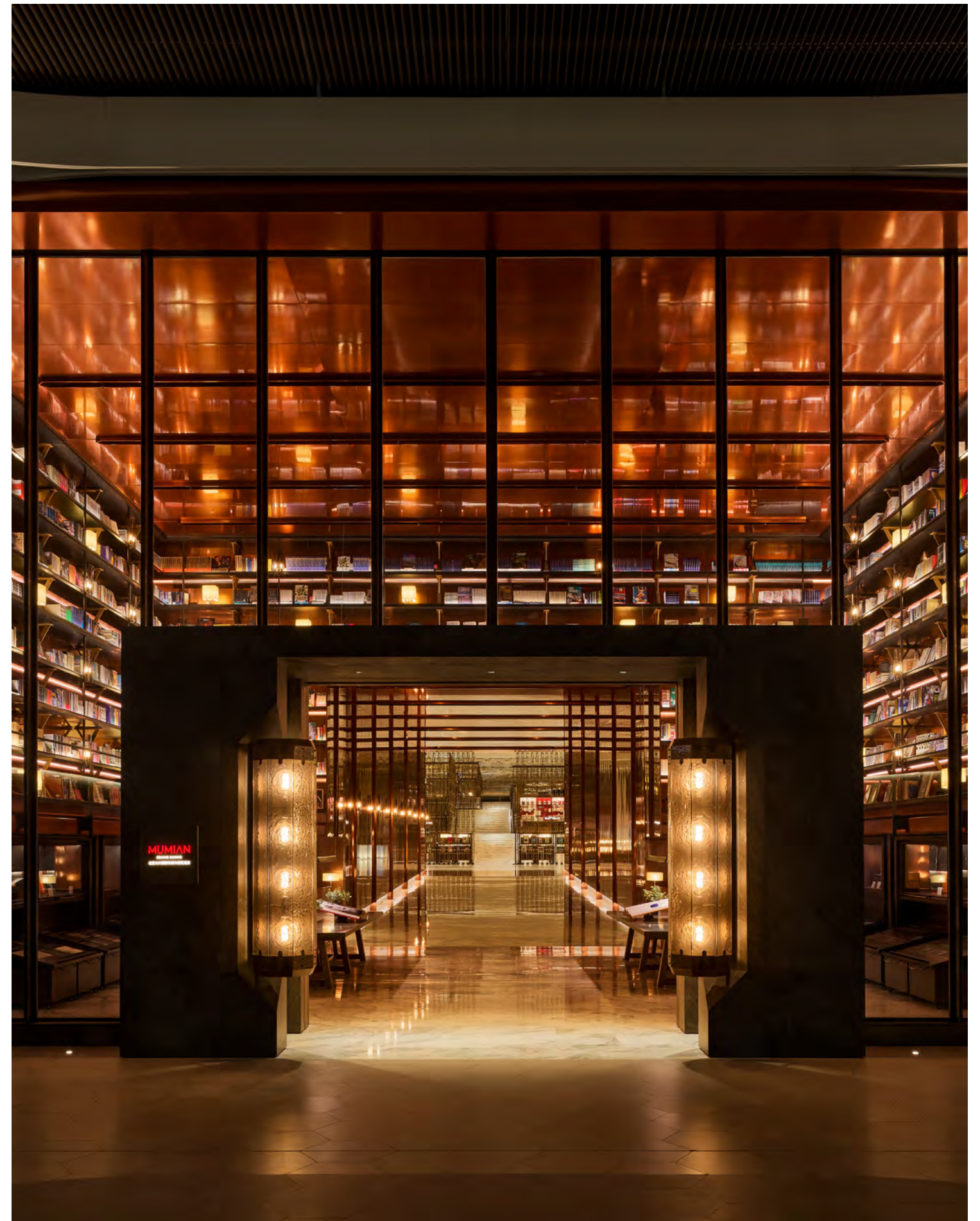
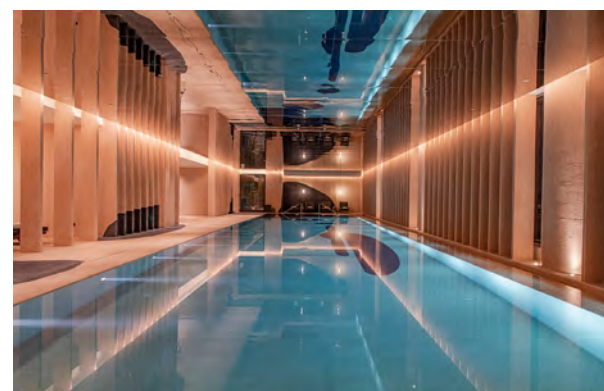




 WHERE TO STAY

Kapok Hotel Beijing Daxing Airport

This impressive new hotel was designed by Ray Chen, the renowned Asian architect, and features a dedicated cultural area with a collection of more than 10,000 books, and even a stationary area that displays the tools of calligraphy. This brand-new 470-key property is just moments from Beijing's new international airport and features world-class restaurants and five-star facilities.



South Asian Calligraphy

📍 NEW DELHI, INDIA

Originating in the monasteries of Tibet, northern India and Nepal, South Asian calligraphy was first practiced by high lamas and their students. Usually crafted with a reed pen, this flowing artform flourished during the Mughal Empire. The world's longest piece of calligraphy - a 163-metre scroll - was composed by Buddhist monks.

New Delhi, India, showcases some of the finest examples of South Asian calligraphy, and the city's National Museum contains almost 14,000 manuscripts. Calligraphy classes are also available in the Indian capital.





 WHERE TO STAY

The Grand New Delhi

Conveniently located in the diplomatic suburb of Vasant Vihar, The Grand New Delhi is easily accessible from the airport yet only a short distance from the city's main attractions. Guests can admire the designer interiors and discover a wealth of onsite facilities, including 382 five-star rooms and suites, six dining destinations, an outdoor pool and the highly-acclaimed Oasis Spa.



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Western Calligraphy

 LONDON, UK

The word "calligraphy" derives from the Greek word meaning "beautiful writing" and this artform has deep roots in classical culture. With origins from the 8th Century BC, calligraphy has been found on ancient Greek pottery, bronze and marble, and the traditional Uncial script, with its bold and curved strokes, was used to write the first bibles.

The British Library in London, UK, is one of the finest places to learn about the history of calligraphy. Among the many fascinating exhibits are a 2,000-year-old Greek homework book.





 WHERE TO STAY

The Royal Horseguards Hotel, London

Set in an historic building on the River Thames, this grand hotel was previously a club that welcomed former British prime minister Winston Churchill. Today, The Royal Horseguards Hotel provides the perfect base for an exploration of London, with elegant rooms, the award-winning One Twenty One Two restaurant, the stylish Equus Bar, an afternoon tea lounge and a Champagne terrace.





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Picture Perfect:

FIVE OF THE WORLD'S PHOTOGRAPHY HOTSPOTS

Photography is one of the most popular activities on the planet, with an estimated 1.6 trillion photos expected to be taken in 2023! Whether you love capturing the Earth's natural beauty, the vibrancy of human life, or simply snapping a selfie, the Earth offers an inspiring array of backdrops for every shot.

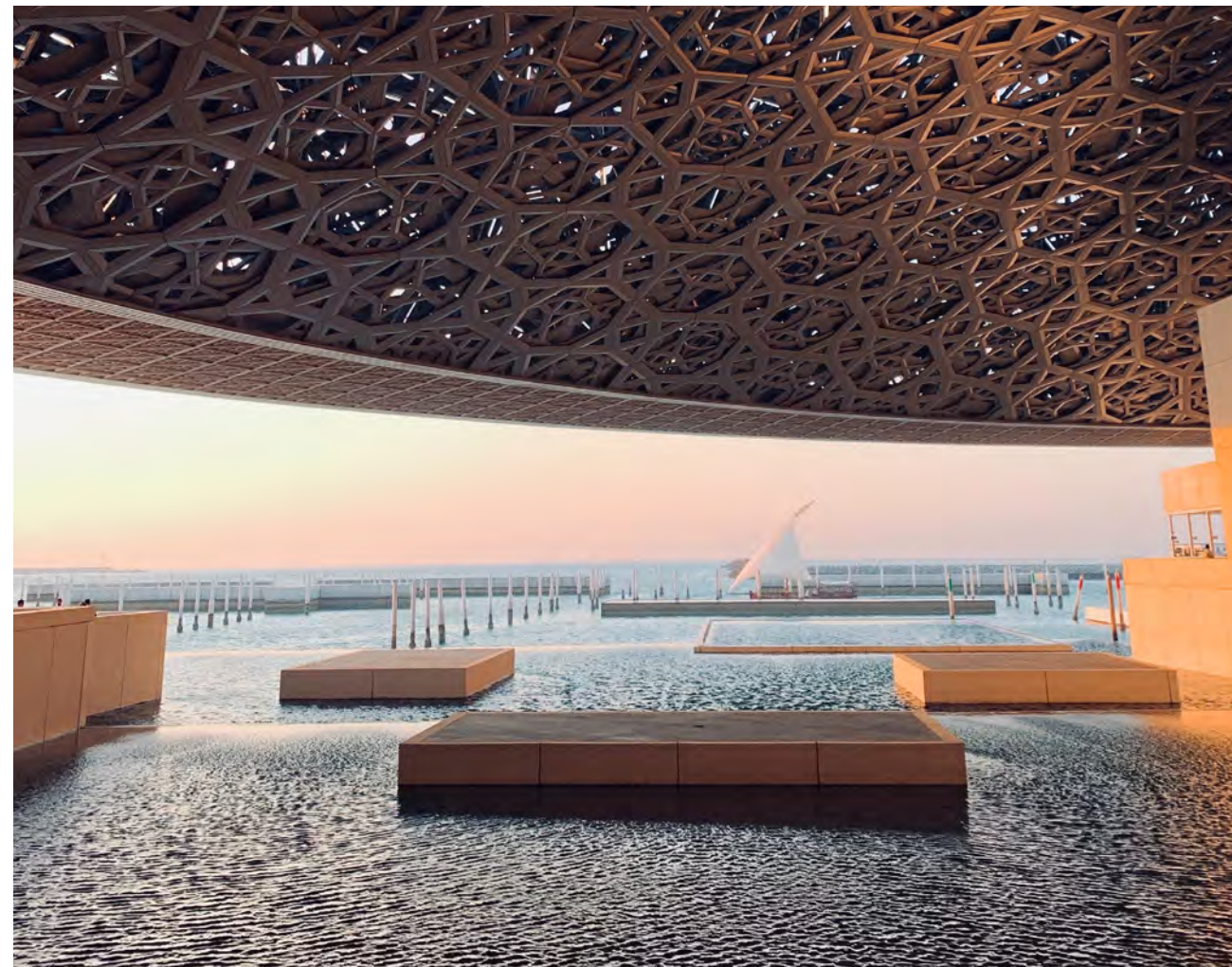
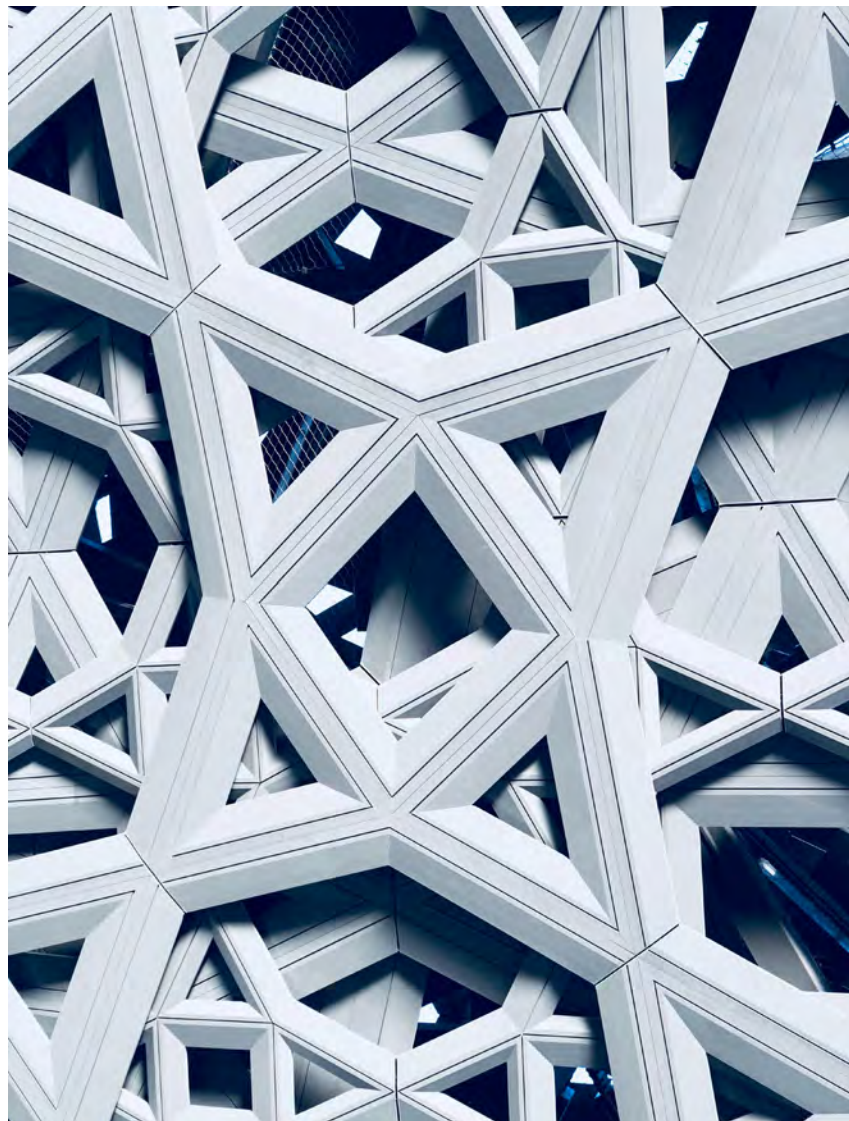
In celebration of World Photography Day, which falls on 19th August, we reveal five of the world's most breath-taking destinations for photographers to take sensational shots.



 **ABU DHABI, UAE**

Architectural Photography

Rich contrasts are brought to life in Abu Dhabi, where history and heritage are seamlessly woven together with some of the 21st Century's most remarkable architecture. From the marble domes of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the 200-year-old walls of Qasr Al Hosn, to the strikingly geometric Louvre Abu Dhabi and ultra-modern Etihad Towers, the UAE's capital is a paradise for photographers. Catch these manmade marvels at dawn and dusk, as the sun casts light and shadow on the geometric designs.





 WHERE TO STAY

Rixos Marina Abu Dhabi

This five-star hotel is an architectural landmark in its own right, with a dazzling design that celebrates Arabic and Turkish culture. The tall, arched hotel building is nestled on the sandy shore of the Arabian Sea and houses spacious and luxurious rooms and suites, plus six restaurants and bars, a kids' club, fitness centre, a spa with a Turkish hammam, and swimming pools set among the lush, palm-shaded gardens.





 BANGKOK, THAILAND

Street Photography

Famed for its vibrant street life, Bangkok is a dream destination for photographers who love to capture the energy of everyday life. Stroll through the bustling streets, narrow sois and mesmerizing markets, meet smiling locals and dine at sizzling street food stalls. Then board a boat and head out into the labyrinthine network of canals, which reflects a more serene side of the city. Keep your camera at the ready; fresh photo opportunities await around every corner!



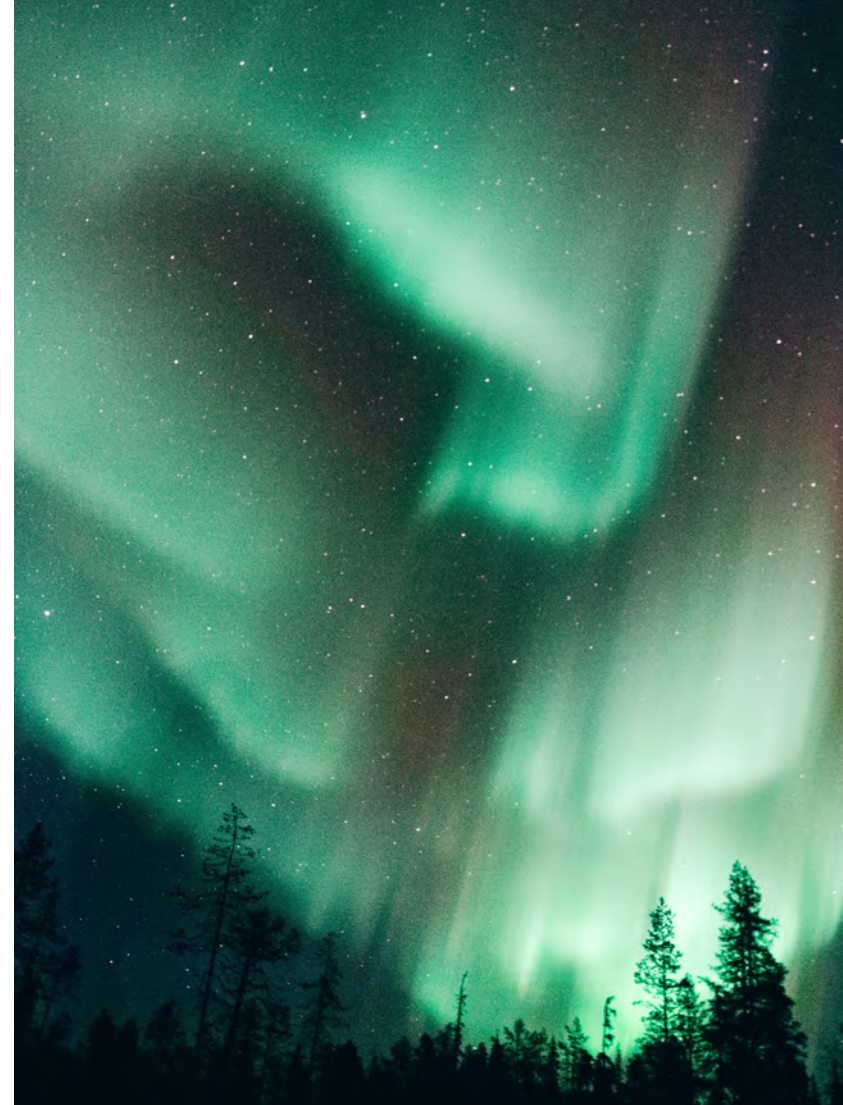


 WHERE TO STAY

Shanghai Mansion Bangkok

Bangkok's dynamic Chinatown district is a region that stimulates the senses, and this chic boutique hotel encapsulates the area's grace and elegance. Guests are immersed in a romantic ambience, with dramatic décor and antique furnishings. Head out and explore the local shops and street-side stalls, or step aboard a river taxi. After a day of exploration, the spa, restaurant and jazz lounge are stylish settings to unwind.

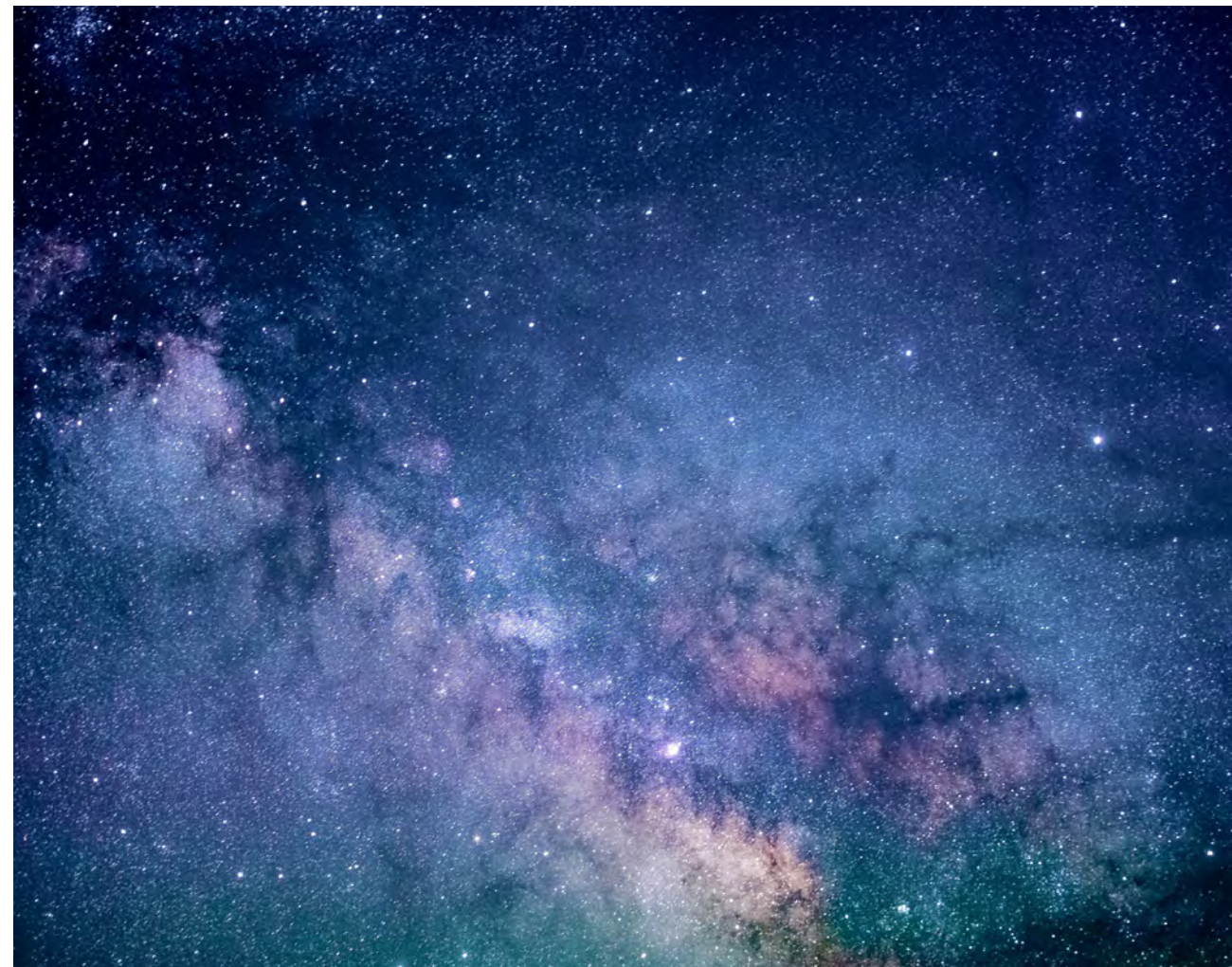




 **TROMSO, NORWAY**

Astro Photography

With its pristine landscapes and precious little light pollution, northern Norway is a stunning spot to snap the wonders of the night sky. In the Arctic Circle city of Tromso, photographers can capture a breathtaking array of celestial phenomena, from the star-studded skies and cosmic clouds over the fjords to the ethereal dance of Aurora Borealis. Even during the short winter days, this charming waterside city is wonderfully photogenic, with traditional wooden shophouses and modern landmarks such as the Arctic Cathedral.





WHERE TO STAY

Scandic Ishavhotel

Situated directly on the quayside, overlooking the rippling waters of the Tromso Strait, this modern, upscale hotel provides the ideal base for a Nordic adventure. Guests can stay in rooms or suites with panoramic views of the city and harbour, and savour outstanding cuisine – including fresh local seafood – at a choice of restaurants. With such a central setting, this hotel offers great photo opportunities at any time of day or night.



 DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, USA

Wildlife Photography

The dramatic, desolate beauty of deserts sets the scene for fantastic photography. In Desert National Wildlife Refuge, Nevada, travellers can discover a rolling landscape of rocky plains, rugged mountains and shadowy valleys, which seem to shift and shimmer throughout the phases of the day. With over 500 species of plant, 320 types of bird and over 50 species of mammal, wildlife photographers have an almost endless array of opportunities to capture the beauty of life in this natural paradise.





 WHERE TO STAY

Sahara Las Vegas

Las Vegas is not only an oasis of entertainment - it is also the gateway to Nevada's Desert National Wildlife Refuge, which is just 30 minutes from the city. The aptly-named Sahara Las Vegas is situated on the main strip and features a wealth of upscale accommodation, diverse dining, wellness and plenty of places to party, including the AZILO Ultra Pool with its giant screen, live DJs and cool cabanas.





 SOUTHERN ALPS, NEW ZEALAND

Landscape Photography

New Zealand's spectacular Southern Alps are a pure paradise for photographers. This mesmerizing landscape of mirror-like lakes, snow-capped peaks and intriguing islands is impossibly beautiful at any time of year. One of the best seasons for photographers to visit is autumn, as the countryside bursts with a kaleidoscope of colours. Hike along the rugged paths around Wanaka, scale Roy's Peak or simply sit on the shores of Glendhu Bay and soak up the scenery; extraordinary vistas stretch out in every direction.





 **WHERE TO STAY**

Distinction Wanaka Alpine Resort

This upscale retreat puts guests in the heart of the stunning alpine landscape, surrounded by rolling hills and hiking trails. A collection of fully equipped one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and five-bedroom villas offer a home-away-from-home experience, so travellers can stay and be inspired for as long as they desire. Resort facilities include hot spas, a heated swimming pool, barbecue area, tennis court, gym and, of course, plenty of outdoor activities.



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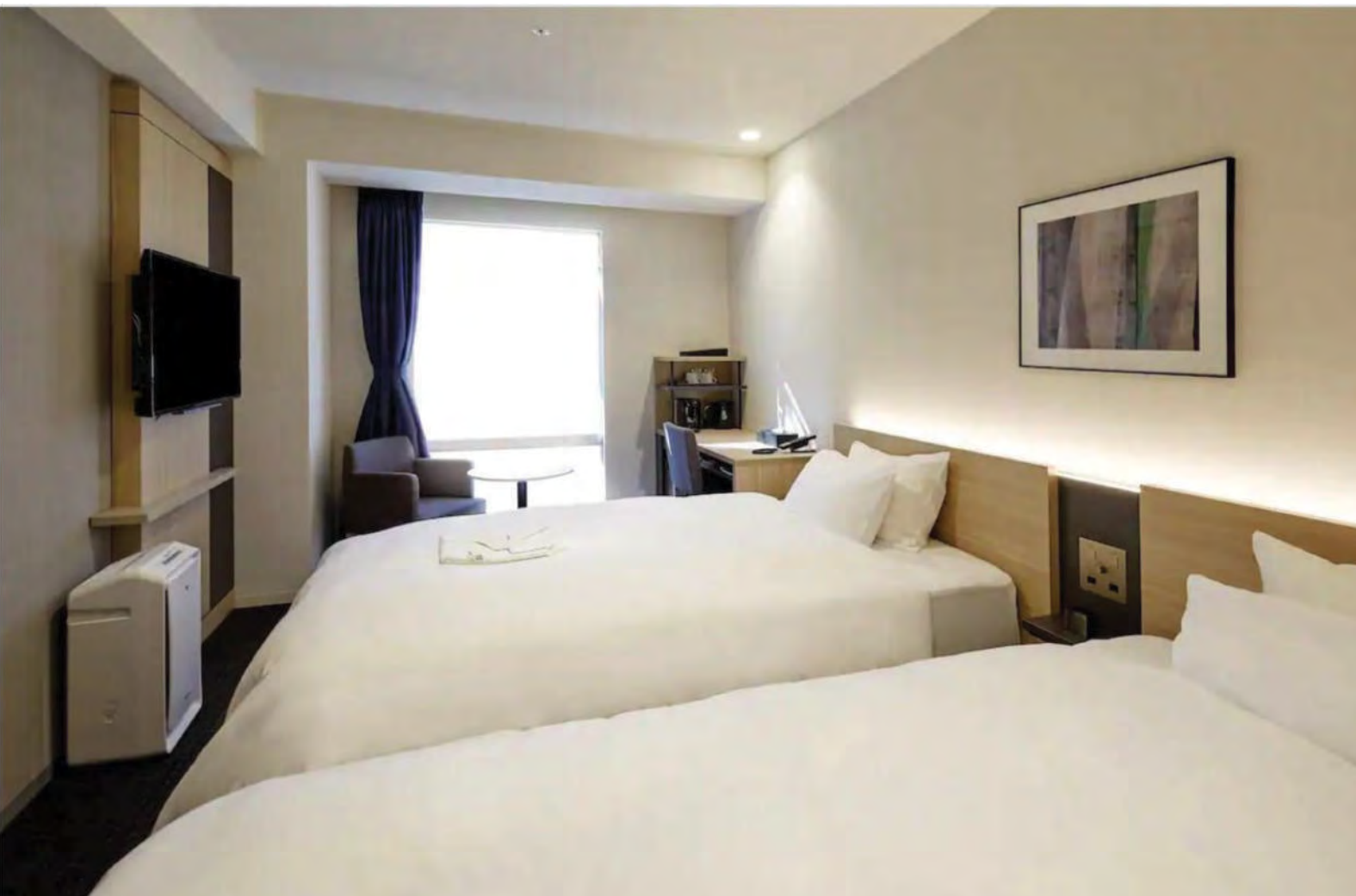
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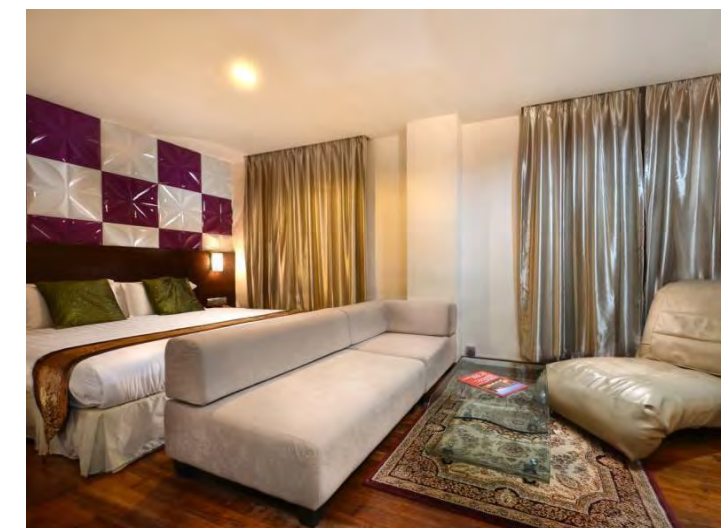
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ON THE ROAD AGAIN:

Asia Pacific's Best Hotels for **Business Travellers**

Business travel is back, and hotels all across Asia Pacific are looking to attract this important group of guests once again. But in a world where the lines between business and leisure are becoming increasingly blurred, what do hotels need to provide?

Corporate travellers require convenience and connectivity above all else, but they also demand comfort – amenities that help them to be on top of their game. Whether it's a refreshing pool, a fitness centre or a club lounge, these properties will help executives to achieve maximum productivity.



 **CBD, SYDNEY**

Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney

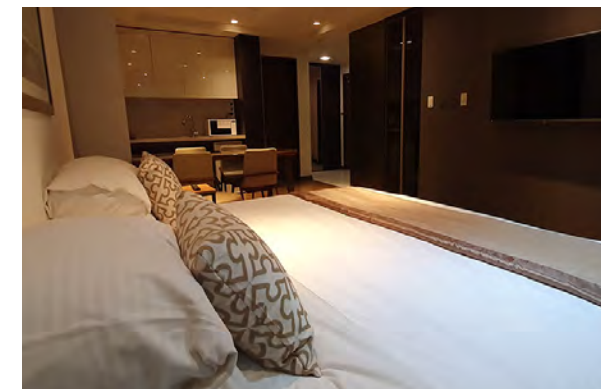
Perfectly positioned in Sydney's CBD, next to Wynyard Station and surrounded by iconic attractions, this five-star hotel puts business travellers in the beating heart of the city. Guests can stay fully productive in rooms and suites with free Wi-Fi, USB ports and blackout drapes. For executives, the 31st floor Jamison Club Lounge offers all-day refreshments, a private library and one hour of free access to the boardroom – ideal for intimate meetings. For larger events, the hotel features ten function rooms.



 **SENAYAN, JAKARTA**

Century Park Hotel

The capital of Indonesia and the headquarters of the ASEAN region, Jakarta is rapidly emerging as an economic powerhouse. Situated in the city's central business district, Century Park Hotel is an exceptional option for corporate travelers, with spacious rooms and suites that feature dedicated working areas and high-speed Wi-Fi, plus professional meeting services, a spa, pool and a choice of F&B venues. The 16th floor Anjaya Lounge offers an array of business benefits, including private breakfast and complimentary use of the boardroom.



 **GANGNAM DISTRICT, SEOUL**

Ocloud Hotel Gangnam

Gangnam is not only Seoul's most famous upmarket retail enclave; it is also a haven of commerce and the home of the Korean World Trade Center and COEX complex. For corporate travellers seeking a convenient base in this dynamic district, Ocloud Hotel Gangnam offers upscale accommodation and a wealth of professional services, including a business centre, meeting rooms, laundry services, a currency exchange and a fitness centre. The hotel is also just five minutes' walk from Shinnonhyeon metro station.



 **TSIM SHA TSUI, HONG KONG**

Prince Hotel

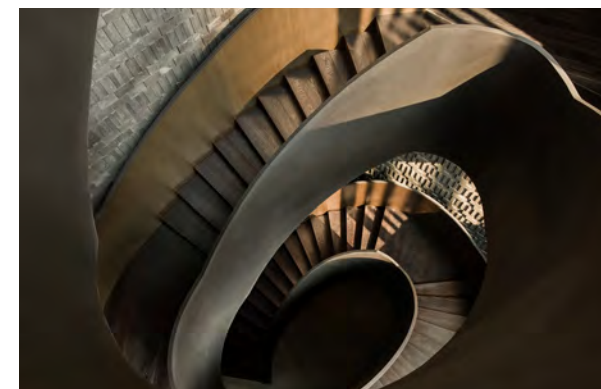
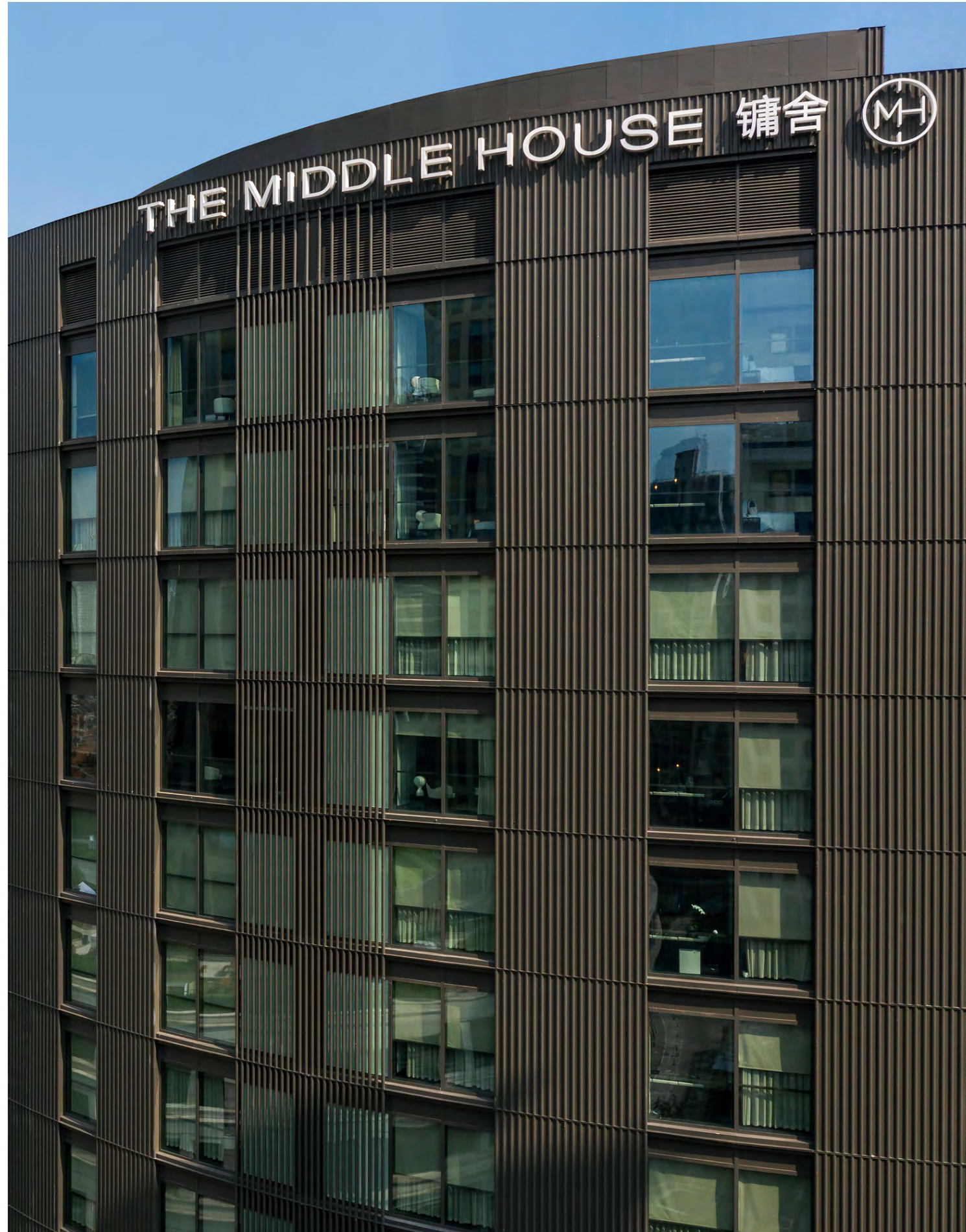
Home to many multinational companies, Tsim Sha Tsui is one of the city's most important business districts. It is also the setting for Harbour City, Hong Kong's largest shopping and commercial complex, which also houses the Prince Hotel – a 394-key property that is tuned into the needs of the corporate market. Stay in well-appointed rooms and suites, work out at the 24/7 gym, host client lunches at SAVVY, the sophisticated dining and social venue, or unwind in exclusivity at the club lounge.



 MID VALLEY CITY, KUALA LUMPUR

The Gardens - A St. Giles Signature Hotel & Residences

Set within one of KL's most exciting enclaves, surrounded by the shopping malls and office towers of Mid Valley City, The Gardens features a collection of rooms, suites and serviced residences. However long visitors stay, they can work and meet in style with nine function spaces, including Skyview Rooms on floors 28-29. Five-star facilities include an infinity pool, gym and three dining options, and the hotel is connected to over 630 retail outlets. Subway, rail and expressway links make it easily accessible.



 WEST NANJING ROAD, SHANGHAI

The Middle House

Home to China's main stock exchange and financial institutions, Shanghai is not only an Asian economic hub; it is a major global centre of commerce.

Corporate visitors can uncover the heart and soul of the city at The Middle House, an artistic boutique hotel that also provides the perfect base for doing business. Situated on West Nanjing Road, this five-star hotel features spacious studios, suites and residences with Nespresso machines and yoga mats, plus a spa, pool and modern restaurants.

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★ Featured Hotel of the Month



CENTARA GRAND HOTEL OSAKA

Rising 33 storeys from the lively city streets, Centara Grand Hotel Osaka is a new landmark on the skyline of this thriving Japanese metropolis. Newly opened in July 2023, this five-star hotel is perfectly positioned in Namba, Osaka's vibrant entertainment and retail district, and provides contemporary accommodation, diverse dining and first-class facilities for business and leisure travellers alike.

Guests can choose from 515 rooms and suites, comprising Standard, Superior, Deluxe, Deluxe with Bunk Beds, and Suite options, all adorned with modern interiors, panoramic windows, Nespresso machines, Smart TVs, rain showers and high-speed Wi-Fi. Those staying on the executive floors (26-31) will enjoy exclusive services at the Club Lounge.



Creative culinary options include Kunsei Kitchen, a dramatic top floor smokehouse, Whiskey Nova, the stylish 32nd floor steakhouse, Embassy of Crab, which showcases Asian and Japanese seafood, and Suan Bua, which highlights Centara's Thai heritage. Light bites can be enjoyed at Platform 2 Café, Smoke & Spin sets the stage for afternoon tea, Automata is a futuristic self-service cocktail bar, and Crudo Deck is an alfresco rooftop venue that specialises in sunset drinks and spectacular views.

When guests are not dining or unwinding, they can work out in the fitness centre or enjoy soothing therapies at SPA Cenvaree, which features four treatment rooms, a foot massage area and Thai massage room. The hotel also offers extensive meeting space.

For guests seeking the perfect blend of world-class hospitality and Asian elegance, Centara Grand Hotel Osaka is an outstanding new option.

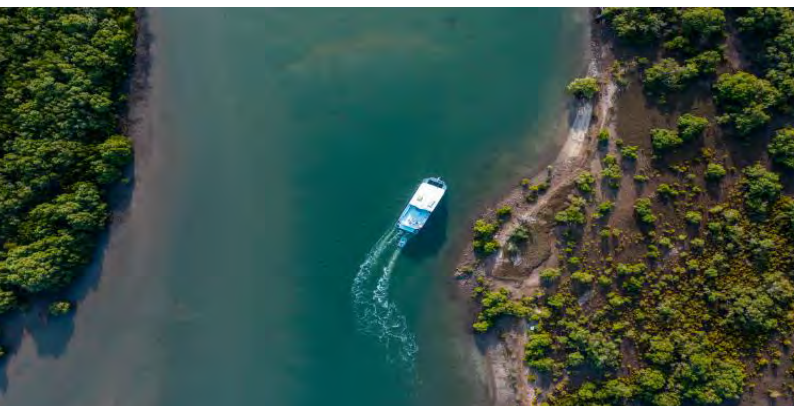




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