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# 14 NEW HOTELS IN ASIA PACIFIC

Business trips may be on hold for now, but there are some tempting new properties to check into once travel resumes. Here are 14 new openings to get excited about

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## FOUR SEASONS BANGKOK

The long-awaited Four Seasons Bangkok is every inch the luxury riverside retreat, with water features gently cascading down to the banks of the Chao Phraya river, open-air terraces and tropical greenery. Expect 299 gorgeous rooms and suites, light-filled event spaces, two infinity pools, and a holistic wellness centre with everything from spa treatments

to Muay Thai martial arts. Dining options include Cantonese cuisine at Yu Ting Yuan and modern Italian fare at Riva Del Fiume. Spend the day exploring the local Charoenkrung neighbourhood, with its creative scene of galleries, boutiques, restaurants and cafes, then head back to the glamorous BKK Social Club for cocktails and cigars.

**Opened:** December 2020

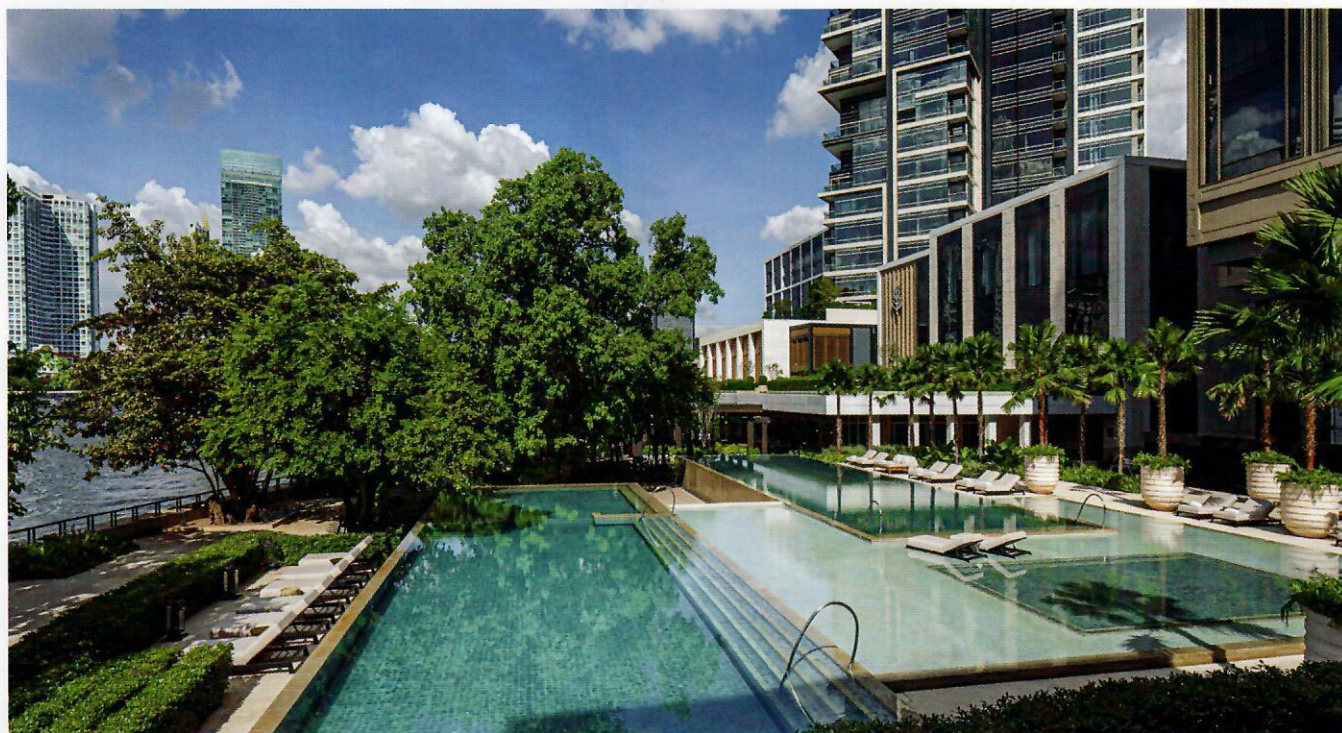
**OPPOSITE PAGE AND BELOW:**  
Dusit Thani Laguna;  
Four Seasons  
Bangkok

**Best for:** Urban sanctuary vibes, 15 minutes from downtown Bangkok  
[fourseasons.com/bangkok](https://www.fourseasons.com/bangkok)

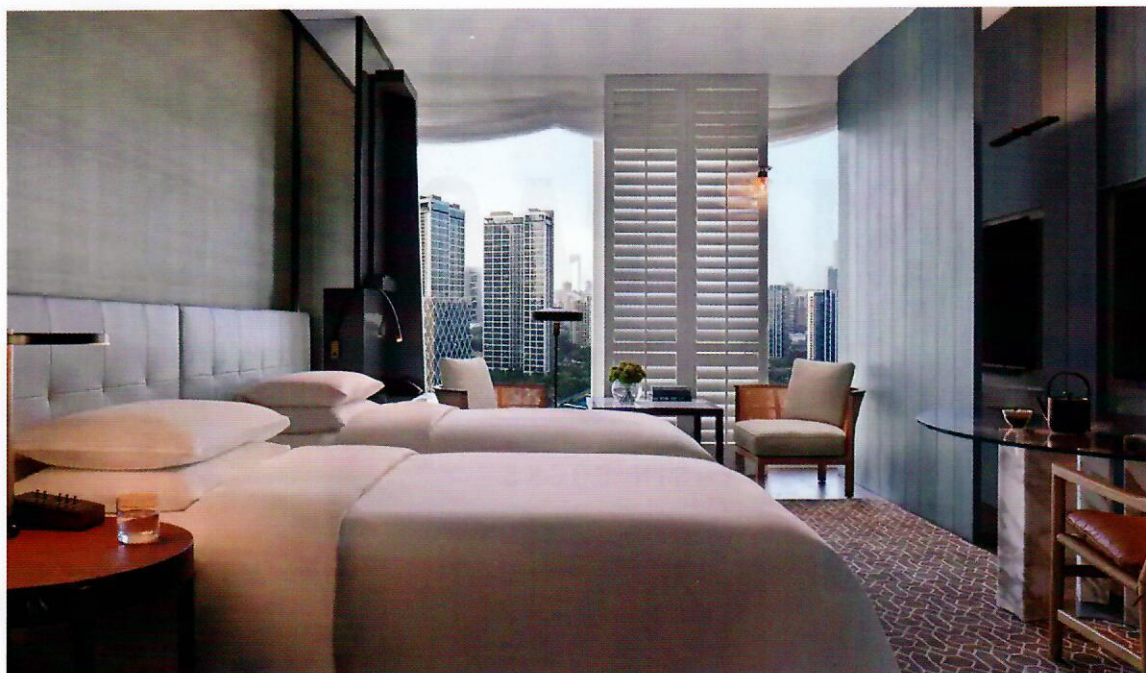
## DUSIT THANI LAGUNA SINGAPORE

Tee-up the perfect mix of business and leisure at the new Dusit Thani Laguna Singapore. The five-star resort lies within the sprawling Laguna National Golf and Country Club, conveniently located 10 minutes →

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from Changi International Airport and 15 minutes from the central business district. Take your meetings to the driving range, seal the deal on two 18-hole championship golf courses, then toast your success at the Legends Bar – one of the hotel's five F&B outlets. The 198-room property also offers three swimming pools, three tennis courts, wellness treatments at the Devarana Spa, exclusive benefits at the Dusit Club Lounge, and more than 4,000 sqm of indoor and outdoor event spaces.

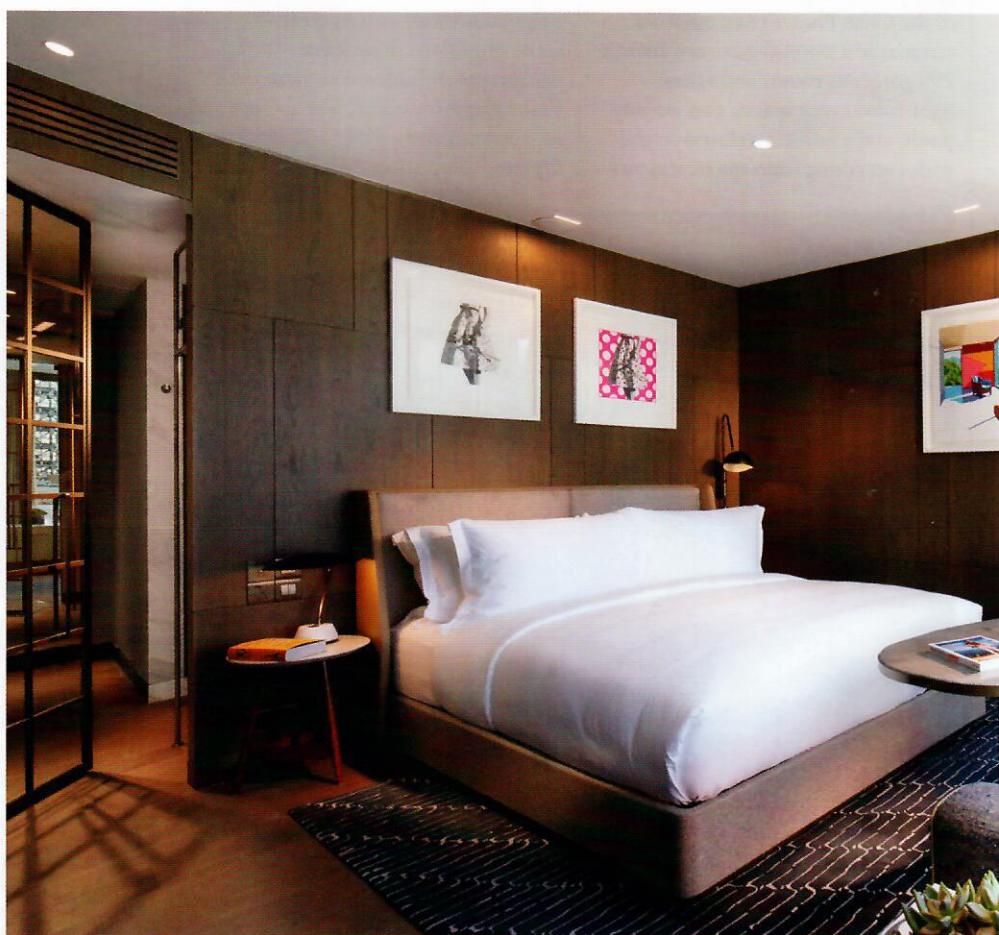
**Opened:** December 2020

**Best for:** Working on your handicap and enjoying Thai hospitality

[dusit.com/dusitthani-laguna-singapore](https://dusit.com/dusitthani-laguna-singapore)

#### ANDAZ SHENZHEN BAY

Hyatt's boutique brand has landed in the high-tech Shenzhen Bay district. With an exclusive clubhouse feel evoked by New York-based interior designer Tony Chi, its 220 rooms and suites are presented in a contemporary palette of soothing hues and elegant marble. Facilities include five individually themed restaurants and bars, a 24-hour fitness







**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:**  
Andaz Shenzhen Bay; Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh; The Hari Hong Kong

centre, an indoor pool and flexible event space. Andaz Shenzhen Bay is situated within a RMB20-billion (US\$3 billion) lifestyle-oriented, mixed-use development, which includes the soaring 392-metre “spring bamboo” China Resources Headquarters, the premium MixC mega-mall with its multiple entertainment outlets, a sports centre, and an arts and cultural centre.

**Opened:** December 2020

**Best for:** Diverse mix of business and leisure facilities in a vibrant commercial area

**hyatt.com**

#### **THE HARI HONG KONG**

Straddling the bustling Wan Chai and Causeway Bay districts, new luxury hotel The Hari is within walking distance of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), Times Square and Happy Valley Racecourse. The 210 guest rooms are sleek and inviting, with a muted colour scheme, plush fabrics and gleaming marble bathrooms. Three large rooftop suites add the wow factor, with fabulous private terraces and views stretching from The Peak to Victoria Harbour. Enjoy

Japanese cuisine and drinks on the al fresco terrace bar at Zoku, or savour classic Italian dishes at Lucciola Restaurant & Bar.

**Opened:** December 2020

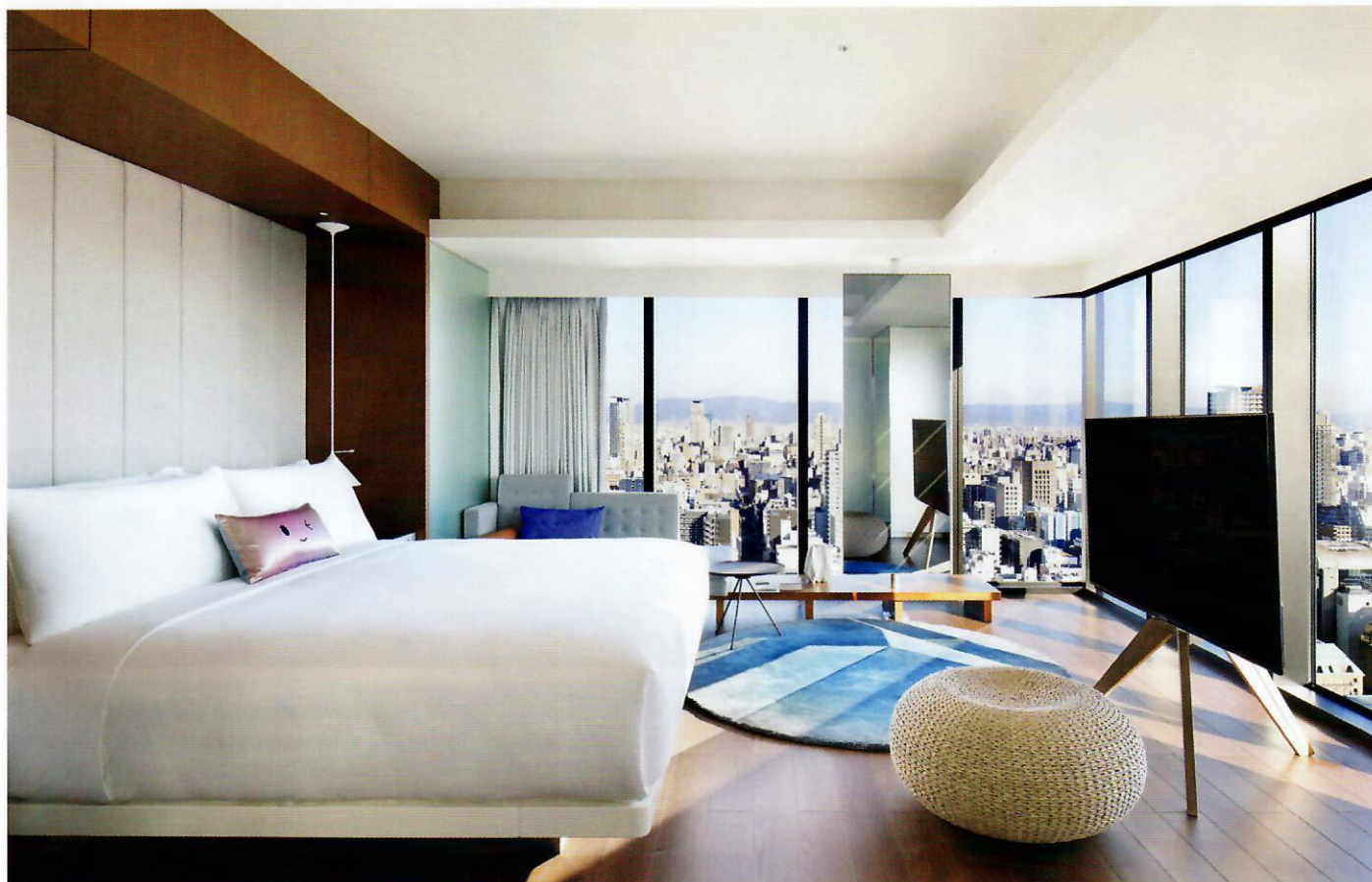
**Best for:** Rooftop suites with private balcony views and the hotel’s convenient city location

**thehari.com/hong-kong**

#### **HYATT REGENCY PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA**

The new Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh has opened in the heart of the city, becoming the capital’s largest international hotel. On arrival at the beautiful colonial-style lobby, guests are shown to their choice of 247 luxurious rooms and suites featuring Khmer design accents and contemporary Cambodian artworks. Four lively dining venues offer plenty of after-work options; enjoy live music and local beers at Metropole Underground, or head to speakeasy-style bar The Attic for crafted cocktails. FiveFive Rooftop Restaurant & Bar is the city’s hottest new destination, offering panoramic views over the Mekong river and Royal Palace, sustainable seafood dining and live DJ sets. →





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The Regency Club Lounge offers additional perks to guests on the 10th floor, while the Jivapita Spa will provide soothing Cambodian treatments (when it opens later this year).

**Opened:** January 2021

**Best for:** Stylish dining and bar destinations in the city centre

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### W OSAKA, JAPAN

If you're sitting on a stash of Marriott Bonvoy Points, the new W Osaka is the perfect excuse to use them. The dramatic black facade on Midosuji Boulevard was designed by celebrated Osaka-born architect Tadao Ando who took inspiration from the Edo period when outward ostentation was forbidden. But W fans will be delighted with the classic explosion of colour, design and personality waiting on the inside – from the

