

PRESS RELEASE

**SOFITEL SHANGHAI SHESHAN HUANGHE
A NEW DESTINATION RESORT IN SHANGHAI**

Paris, 31 March 2009 – Following the successful opening of Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16, (launched October 2008), and the Sofitel Ningbo Wanda (launched December 2008) , Sofitel announces today its 23rd opening in China: Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe.

The resort style hotel is located in Sheshan National Tourism Resort, just 35 minutes' drive from Shanghai city centre, surrounded by lush gardens and blue lagoons. The striking visual ambience and classical Mediterranean architecture provide the perfect backdrop for either leisure or business, and the ambience offers a dream destination for both regional and local clientele in search of green spaces, leisure activities or total relaxation in the attractive suburbs of northern Shanghai.

Upon entering the beautifully designed split level lobby, one can feel the influence of the outside surroundings, through the intelligent use of natural looking materials that adorn the area. A fireplace, high backed chairs and interesting sculptures and "objects d'art" give a clear sense of place that is in harmony with the outdoor ambience.

Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe is a meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) resort that specializes in inspired creative events, with 12 reception rooms and an opulent grand ballroom that can host up to 900 guests seated in banquet style.

The hotel architecture is designed by renowned architects Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates Pte. Ltd. (SRSS) which is based in Atlanta Georgia, USA.

Renowned interior designer, Cheng Chung Design (CCD), from Hong Kong, has created three different room themes; Mediterranean, Chinese and Southeast Asian, ensuring each guest can have a unique luxury experience in their preferred style of surroundings.

The beautifully landscaping around the hotel was created by leading landscape architecture firm, Belt Collins, whilst the lighting is designed by Brandston Partnership inc. (BBI) based in New York.



Rooms & Suites - Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe has 368 rooms including 53 Luxury Suites and an Imperial Suite. There are also seven luxury villas specially designed for international and local government officials as well as business delegations.

The rooms and suites, all with private balconies, feature the exclusive MyBed™ concept, an all feather bed and extra light down duvet combined to promise a perfect night's sleep, a pillow menu, L'Occitane and Hermes room amenities, free broadband internet access and many other attributes.

Restaurants & Bars - Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe has a diverse range of restaurants to guarantee guests the chance to experience one of Sofitel's signature trademarks – exquisite gourmet dining:

- Vie All Day Dining features fresh seafood and international cuisine
- M Mediterranean Restaurant is inspired by countries around the Mediterranean Sea
- Fukami Restaurant proposes creative Japanese dishes using live seafood, grain-fed beef, freshly-made sushi and teppanyaki
- Prince Restaurant specializes in abalone, seafood and authentic regional Cantonese cuisines
- Link Lounge Bar features exotic cocktails and a rich selection of high quality champagnes which can be enjoyed whilst looking out over the beautiful and soothing lagoons, waterfalls and the lush landscaping in the lush gardens outside.
- The Poolside Bar serves all day refreshments, while the Health Bar has light meals and healthy drinks, with a spectacular lagoon view
- Club Millésime and Cigar Bar provide a wide selection of cigars as well as an array of cognacs, spirits and aperitifs.

Business - The hotel has 12 multi-function rooms of total 2100 sqm, all located in a custom, built conference centre. The magnificent 1200 sqm pillar-less Grand Ballroom can be separated into 3, which can be configured according to clients' requirements. All inspired meeting rooms are fully equipped with the latest technology and services required for today's executives.

Well Being & Leisure - Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe's "So Spa" creates a unique luxury sanctuary, for body and soul reconnection, blending Chinese and French natural roots. So Spa blends its natural surroundings into its 15 treatment rooms, where guests can enjoy a selection of signature treatments and refined French cosmetology – a rejuvenating and exhilarating experience.

Sofitel Shanghai Sheshan Huanghe offers a wide variety of leisure activities including the SOFIT Health Club, 3400 sqm outdoor swimming pools and indoor swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, an indoor golf driving range, an outdoor mini golf and a Night Club.



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