

## Swissôtel opens third hotel in China

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The Swissôtel Grand in Shanghai is scheduled to open on 15th April, bringing to the city the international hotel group's legendary Swiss hospitality, uniquely complemented by elements of local culture and flavours.

Enjoying an outstanding location in Shanghai's Jing'An district, the new hotel is just a few minutes' walk from Nanjing West Road with its many elegant shops, including Plaza 66 and Citic Square. Other nearby attractions include Jing'An Temple, Shanghai Grand Theatre and the Shanghai Museum, as well as the residential building where Aileen Chang penned her famous novel, *Lust, Caution*, in the 1940s.

As testimony to the significance of the area, a huge elaborate glass 'carving' by renowned Chinese artist, Yang Jiu Sheng, which portrays the street map of the Jing'An district provides a compelling of the lobby.

With 467 rooms and suites, executive floors, an exclusive Club Lounge on the 27th floor and four restaurants and bars, the Swissôtel Grand, Shanghai is designed to meet the requirements of sophisticated business and leisure travellers.

Rooms for non-smokers and handicapped guests are available, and all the rooms command stunning views over the city's ultra-modern skyline.

Guests to the hotel have a wide range of dining options. The all-day dining Café Swiss offers guests a dazzling array of international fare, made more fun by an exciting 'live' cooking show by the busy international chefs in an open kitchen concept design.

Authentic regional Chinese fare is served in the trendy Mian Ba, including a wide selection of Asian noodles, or 'mian'. The earthy, robust Shanghainese dishes at the restaurant are complemented perfectly by the lighter and more delicate tastes of Cantonese cuisine.

Meanwhile, guests in The Flow Lounge & Bar in the lobby can relax over a morning coffee, afternoon tea and scones, or drinks before or after dinner. For true chocaholics, a chocolate buffet is served each weekend, with only the very best quality Swiss chocolate used to make the elaborate confections.

Those looking for some time out from their hectic schedule can relax at the Spa & Fitness on the 5th floor, which offers a range of specially created massage, facial and body treatments in one of either three treatment rooms or two VIP suites.

There is also a heated indoor swimming pool, with children's paddling pool, as well as a fully equipped 200 sq m gym and Energia health bar, which serves light snacks, cut fruits, home made energy bars, fresh fruit juices, energy and health drinks.

Swissôtel Grand, Shanghai has a range of meeting rooms, each equipped with the latest technology, wireless internet access and other support services, such as a modern business centre.

The 575 sq m Grand Ballroom, a 390 sq m Junior Ballroom and six other function rooms, with a combined 285 sq m floor space, are ideal for any kind of corporate or celebratory event, including conventions, board meetings, product launches, seminars, break-out sessions, theme parties, birthdays, anniversaries and weddings.

The hotel's Conference Specialists and the Swiss Meeting Concierge offer complete solutions to meet the requirements of organizers and participants, from technical specifications to post-event leisure activities.

Commenting on the opening of the new hotel, Meinhard Huck, Managing Director Swissôtel Hotels & Resorts says: 'China is also an extremely important market for us, and is enjoying steady growth. We have successfully operated a hotel at the centre of Beijing for many years, and are now delighted to be able to offer our guests Swiss hospitality of the highest standard in the teeming metropolis of Shanghai.'

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