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New high-end hotels from Nanjing to Hainan

By Eric Moya

Recent and forthcoming hotel openings in China are bolstering high-end hospitality in a number of destinations throughout the country.

Last month, Rosewood Hotels & Resorts opened the **Rosewood Guangzhou** (rosewoodhotels.com/guangzhou), the brand's fourth China property.

The hotel's 251 guestrooms and suites (as well as 355 serviced Rosewood Residences) are housed in the top 39 floors of the 108-story CTF Finance Centre, at nearly 1,739 feet the world's seventh-tallest building. Accommodations highlights include the Rosewood Terrace Suite, the only suite in the city with its own private terrace, according to Rosewood.

Club Room and suite guests will enjoy access to the Manor Club executive lounge, offering cocktails, a la carte dining and courtesy car service.

Other dining venues include Lingnan House, a traditional Cantonese restaurant; Brick Lane, offering craft beer on tap and what the hotel describes as "approachable pub food"; Japanese venue Brick Iron, located on the building's 107th floor and billed as "the highest restaurant and bar in mainland China"; Patina Living Room and Patina European Brasserie for all-day dining; and Sesame, serving pastries and other snacks.

At nearly 28,300 square feet spread over two floors, the hotel's Sense spa and wellness center lays claim to being the region's largest, offering a state-of-the-art fitness center and an indoor pool over 80 feet long. The facility offers yoga and barre classes as well as nutrition consultations and personal training.

Meanwhile, up north, the **Kempinski Hotel Hangzhou** (www.kempinski.com/en/hangzhou) opened in July, the first Kempinski property in Zhejiang province. The hotel is situated along the southern end of the 1,104-mile Grand



Above, the Kempinski Hotel Hangzhou is part of a mixed-use complex along the Grand Canal. Top right, the Library Bar at the Capella Sanya on Hainan Island. Bottom right, a deluxe guestroom at the Rosewood Guangzhou, which features 251 guestrooms and suites in the top 39 floors of a 108-story skyscraper.



Canal, a Unesco World Heritage Site, and 132 of its 344 rooms offer views of the canal.

The 14-story hotel, located within a large mixed-use complex, offers six restaurants and bars: Zi Chen, serving classic Hangzhou and Cantonese dishes; all-day venue Kitchen@K; the Lobby Lounge, serving afternoon tea; the Morph Rooftop Bar; Berthold Delikatesen, offering pastries and sandwiches; and Frieda, serving what the property describes as "a reinterpretation of traditional German cuisine with a modern twist."

The hotel's common spaces take advantage of its scenic location, offering over 20,000 square feet of meetings space, including three outdoor venues, and a spa with outdoor massage pavilions.

In contrast to the aforementioned urban accommodations, Capella Hotels and Resorts opted for beachfront idyll for

the **Capella Sanya** (www.capellahotels.com/en/capella-sanya) on Hainan Island, which opened in January.

The property features 190 rooms and six private villas. Designer Jean-Michel Gathy, whose portfolio also includes the Aman Summer Place in Beijing, the pool of Singapore's Marina Bay Sands and Four Seasons properties in Bangkok and Tokyo, sought to include "multiple authentic design references to Chinese culture throughout the resort," according to a Capella statement.

"The design of Capella Sanya reflects rich Chinese cultural elements combining them with the beauty of nature and luxurious architectural spaces," Gathy said. "For example, in China flowing water symbolizes success, so we have created a complete central water system, which starts at the lobby with a water fountain and flows down through the resort."

The hotel's restaurants and bars "pay

homage to the rich cultures, flavors and spices found along the fabled [Silk Road] trade route," according to Capella.

Chinese fine dining restaurant Lan Ting is styled after a traditional teahouse, while the Library and Library Bar offer snacks and cocktails in "an intimate, club-like setting," featuring a red Steinway piano as the centerpiece.

The Capella Sanya's Auriga Spa, measuring over 43,000 square feet, features a Moroccan bath, and an adjoining athletic center offers a heated lap pool and two lighted tennis courts.

Finally, the **Ritz-Carlton, Nanjing** (www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/china/nanjing), first announced in 2013, is set to open by the end of the year.

The hotel will be located in the city's Xinjiekou business district, 30 minutes from Nanjing Lukou Airport. The property will offer 295 guestrooms, 32 suites, five dining options and the signature Ritz-Carlton Spa.

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