





In the survey that determines these results, we asked readers to name their top 10 picks for hotels and resorts in 17 countries and territories across Asia Pacific. The responses did not disappoint, with a mix of enduring gems and stylish newcomers that together represent the crème de la crème of hospitality in the region.

AUSTRALIA

Capella Sydney DestinAsian readers have quickly embraced the first Capella property outside Asia, which occupies a historic sandstone building at the Circular Quay end of Sydney's CBD. Opened last March, the hotel features 192 meticulously designed rooms and suites, a swanky destination spa, and a skylighted indoor swimming pool, not to

mention an expansive art collection.

- 2 The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne
- Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
- 4 Shangri-La Sydney
- 5 Grand Hyatt Melbourne
- 6 The Fullerton Hotel Sydney
- 7 Park Hyatt Sydney
- 8 Hilton Sydney
- 9 The Ritz-Carlton, Perth
- 10 InterContinental Sydney, an IHG Hotel

CAMBODIA

Anantara Angkor Resort This perennially popular

Siem Reap retreat comes with just 39 butler-serviced suites arranged around a courtyard swimming pool. The serene design blends contemporary comfort with traditional Khmer style, while guests looking to maximize their stay have a variety of immersive experiences to choose from, whether that be a private tour of the ruins of nearby Angkor or a boat trip on Tonle Sap, Southeast Asia's largest lake.

- Park Hyatt Siem Reap
- Amansara
- 4 Raffles Hotel Le Roval Phnom Penh
- 5 Rosewood Phnom Penh
- 6 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor Siem Reap
- 7 Six Senses Krabev Island
- 8 The Royal Sands Koh Rong
- 9 Zannier Hotels Phum Baitang
- 10 Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort

CHINA

On The Bund

the Huangpu River awaits guests at this 130-room waterfront hotel in the North Bund area, with round window-side tubs providing a perfect perch for soaking up the views of China's largest city. Other highlights include a rooftop bar, an upscale Cantonese dining room, and a three-level spa where the 150-minute Royal Banyan experience is the treatment to book.

- Jian Ye Li
- Bulgari Hotel Beijing
- 4 The Ritz-Carlton, Beijing
- Shanghai
- 8 Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake
- 9 Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund
- 10 Grand Hyatt Beijing

Alila Fort Bishangarh

One of India's most beguiling fort hotels is tucked in the hills north of the Rajasthani capital of Jaipur. Originally designed for combat, the meticulously restored 18th-century stronghold is now fitted out for serious comfort, with 59 pared-back suites and a menu serving traditional Rajput hunter-style cooking. Horseback excursions, hot air ballooning, and jeep safaris in the Sariska Tiger Reserve are just some of the adventures awaiting guests.

- The St. Regis Mumbai
- Four Seasons Hotel Mumhai
- 4 Six Senses Fort Barwara
- 5 Raffles Udaipur
- 6 Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy One
- 7 Fairmont Jaipur
 - 8 Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai
- 9 Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur
- 10 Island Shangri-La, 10 Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur



Hong Kong

Hong Kong

7 W Hong Kong

Hong Kong

Hong Kong

8 Mandarin Oriental,

Conrad Hong Kong

4 JW Marriott Hotel

5 Rosewood Hong Kong

6 Grand Hyatt Hong Kong

9 The Peninsula Hong Kong

"Opulent Khmer-style

accommodations in the heart of

Siem Reap with an air of exclusivity

and privacy."

HONG KONG

planet.

1 The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong

Billing itself as the world's

highest hotel-it occupies

the 102nd to 118th floors of

the International Commerce

Centre in West Kowloon-

Hong Kong's Ritz-Carlton

elevating experience. Apart

dining, superb service, and

Ozone, the highest bar on the

from the dizzying views,

there's Michelin-starred

offers an undeniably

Banvan Tree Shanghai

A front-row perspective on

- Capella Shanghai,
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Beijing
- 6 Fairmont Peace Hotel
- 7 Grand Hyatt Shanghai





INDONESIA (RESORTS)

- 1 The Apurva Kempinski Bali A standout even among the stiff five-star competition of southern Bali's Nusa Dua enclave, the 475room Apurva (whose apt name means "one of a kind" in Sanskrit) boasts a stunning cliff-top lobby, a transformative spa, and a gamut of food and beverage concepts that keep readers coming back again and again, including aquarium dining experience Koral and lounge-cum-graffiti artist's studio L'Atelier by Cyril
- 2 The St. Regis Bali Resort
- The Ritz-Carlton, Bali
- 4 Hotel Indigo Bali Seminyak Beach, an IHG Hotel
- 5 Alila Seminyak

Kongo.

- 6 Andaz Bali a Concept by Hyatt
- 7 W Bali Seminyak
- 8 Conrad Bali
- 9 Alila Villas Uluwatu
- 10 AYANA Resort Bali

INDONESIA (CITY HOTELS)

Four Seasons Hotel Jakarta The top-ranked hotel in Jakarta sports Alexandra Champalimaud-designed interiors (think French art deco touches and wall friezes depicting clove and nutmeg, just one of many nods to the city's early days as a spice entrepôt) and a lushly landscaped pool area by Bill Bensley. Top-floor Italian dining room Alto has been a hit since

the hotel's 2016 debut,

maritime-themed Nautilus

as has the handsome

Bar. More than one reader gushed about the "fabulous service."

- Hotel Indonesia Kempinski Jakarta
- The Ritz-Carlton Jakarta, Mega Kuningan
- 4 Grand Hyatt Jakarta 5 InterContinental Jakarta
- Pondok Indah 6 Shangri-La Jakarta
- 7 AYANA Midplaza, Jakarta
- 8 The Langham, Jakarta
- 9 Raffles Jakarta
- 10 Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel

"A unique resort that promotes and celebrates the diversity of Indonesian culture, heritage, and tradition."

> - RCA VOTER MELODY SIAGIAN ON THE APURVA KEMPINSKI BALI

JAPAN

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo Taking up the top nine floors of a 53-story tower in the Roppongi district, The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo has views to spare from all of its 245 smartly appointed rooms. Headlining the hotel's culinary offerings is the newly opened Héritage by Kei Kobayashi, a contemporary French restaurant whose Naganoborn namesake chef is best known for his three-Michelin-starred Kei in Paris.
- Shangri-La Tokvo
- Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto
- 4 Grand Hyatt Tokyo
- 5 Park Hvatt Tokvo
- 6 The Tokyo EDITION, Toranomon
- 7 Andaz Tokyo Toranomon
- 8 Conrad Tokvo
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Marunouchi
- 10 Fuji Speedway Hotel, The Unbound Collection by Hyatt

MACAU

Four Seasons Hotel Macao Cotai Strip

Connected to shopping arcades, a casino, and the neighboring Venetian complex, this readers' favorite is a destination unto itself. Five swimming pools lend the 360-room property an oasis-like quality, while the sumptuous interior decor pays tribute to Macau's rich Chinese and Portuguese heritage. There are countless dining and entertainment options in the immediate vicinity, including the Four Seasons' own Michelin-starred Cantonese restaurant Zi Yat Heen and elegant teahouse Xiao Ting.

2 The St. Regis Macao

- 3 The Ritz-Carlton, Macau
- 4 Conrad Macao
- 5 Grand Hvatt Macau
- 6 Banyan Tree Macau
- 7 JW Marriott Hotel Macau 8 The Venetian Macao Hotel
- 9 Mandarin Oriental, Macau
- 10 Sheraton Grand Macao

MALAYSIA (RESORTS)

Anantara Desaru Coast Resort & Villas

Overlooking the South China Sea from its prime location in the Desaru Coast resort area, the first Malaysian property from the Thailandbased Anantara brand is as much about five-star comfort as it is about enjoying the surrounding destination, with a roster of activities that range from naturalist-led bird-watching excursions and mangrove cruises to foodie tours in the Old Town of Johor Bahru.

- 2 The Ritz Carlton, Langkawi Four Seasons Resort
- 4 The St. Regis Langkawi

Langkawi

- 5 Shangri-La Rasa Sayang, Penang
- 6 Shangri-La Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu
- 7 The Baniaran Hotsprings Retreat
- 8 One&Only Desaru Coast
- 9 The Datai Langkawi
- 10 Parkroyal Langkawi Resort

MALAYSIA (CITY HOTELS)

Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur

> The Four Seasons' location at the heart of the Golden Triangle neighborhood puts it within walking distance of an array of restaurants and malls, making it "the perfect base for a shopping trip," opined one reader. With half a dozen bars and dining options, an awardwinning spa, and a seventhfloor outdoor swimming pool overlooking KLCC Park, the hotel also tempts guests just to stay put.

- Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur
- The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur
- 4 Alila Bangsar Kuala Lumpur
- 5 The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur
- 6 The RuMa Hotel and Residences Kuala Lumpur
- 7 InterContinental Kuala
- 8 Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur 9 JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur
- 10 Mandarin Oriental. Kuala Lumpur



Fari Islands

One of three resort islands in the mini man-made archipelago of Fari, the Ritz-Carlton Maldives takes its circular design inspiration (the work of Kerry Hill Architects) from the swirling flow of water currents and ocean breezes. Most of the 100 boldly contemporary beachfront and overwater villas are round in shape, as is the ring-like spa, which is set on stilts above an azure lagoon.

- InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort
- 4 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa
- 5 Anantara Dhigu Maldives Resort
- 6 Patina Maldives, Fari Islands
- 7 Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru
- 8 Fairmont Maldives, Sirru Fen Fushi
- 9 Conrad Maldives Rangali Island
- 10 The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort

TWILIGHT ZONE The main pool at Anantara Desaru Coast. Opposite: An executive suite at Four Seasons

Hotel Jakarta.

NEW ZEALAND

- Park Hyatt Auckland Park Hyatt's debut property in New Zealand overlooks the waterfront in Auckland's buzzy Wynyard Quarter, with 195 guest rooms featuring Maori design elements such as woven tukutuku wall panels and sweeping views across Waitemata Harbour. Local produce stars at signature restaurant Onemata, while the in-house spa makes use of native ingredients like glacial clay and manuka honey.
- Avani Auckland Metropolis Residences
- JW Marriott Hotel Auckland
- 4 Hilton Auckland
- 6 Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa
- 7 Hotel St Moritz Queenstown - MGallery
- 8 The Rees Hotel, Luxury Apartments & Lakeside Residences
- 9 Cordis, Auckland
- 10 Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa



PHILIPPINES

- Shangri-La The Fort, Manila Floor-to-ceiling windows capitalize on the views over Metro Manila from this towering hotel in the Bonifacio Global City business district, but it's the plethora of facilities that are the real draw. There's a sprawling 8,000-squaremeter fitness center and spa, Kerry Sports Manila, as well as a diverse crop of dining venues and lounges. Raging Bull Chophouse & Bar is a standout for anyone serious about their steaks.
- Shangri-La Boracay
- Amanpulo
- 4 Grand Hyatt Manila
- 5 Conrad Manila
- 6 The Peninsula Manila
- 7 Raffles Makati
- 8 Edsa Shangri-La, Manila
- 9 Dusit Thani Manila
- 10 Fairmont Makati

- 5 InterContinental Wellington

SINGAPORE

Andaz Singapore -

a Concept by Hyatt

Variously described by

readers as a "true cocoon"

Singapore takes the cues

for its interiors (by Hong

Kong designer André Fu)

from the surrounding Bugis

neighborhood. Understated

rooms and gracious service

are just part of the allure.

InterContinental Singapore

4 The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia

Capella Singapore

5 Raffles Singapore

7 Marina Bay Sands

8 Fairmont Singapore

9 Four Seasons Hotel

10 The Fullerton Bay Hotel

6 Shangri-La Singapore

(Bugis)

Singapore

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and a "perfect stay." Andaz

5 Grand Hyatt Seoul 6 Park Hyatt Seoul 7 The Westin Josun Seoul

8 Conrad Seoul

SOUTH KOREA

Andaz Seoul Gangnam -

fashionable Gangnam

neighborhood makes the

amalgam of contemporary

Dutch design and Korean

boasts art-filled interiors.

a cutting-edge spa. guest

walls, and direct access

to the Apgujeong Metro

Four Seasons Hotel Seoul

4 JW Marriott Hotel Seoul

InterContinental Seoul

Station.

COFX

rooms with striking diagonal

perfect location for this

stylish hotel brand. An

tradition. Andaz Seoul

The South Korean capital's

a Concept by Hyatt

- 9 The Shilla Seoul
- 10 Banyan Tree Club & Spa Seoul

- Grand Hyatt Taipei Who doesn't love a glittering three-story hotel atrium? Not our readers. They're also fans of the Grand Hvatt's central location (it's just a short stroll from Taipei 101), the sophisticated residential style of its 850 rooms and suites, and the impressive lineup of in-house restaurants. As one voter commented, "It's a truly grand affair."
- W Taipei
- Mandarin Oriental, Taipei
- 4 Hotel Éclat Taipei
- 5 InterContinental Kaohsiung
- 6 Shangri-La Far Eastern, Taipei
- 7 Fleur de Chine Hotel Sun Moon Lake
- 8 The Westin Tashee Resort, Tanvuan
- 9 Le Méridien Taipei
- 10 Kimpton Da An Hotel





Chiang Mai's boho Wat Gate neighborhood is centered on a restored 19th-century teak residence that was once home to Louis Leonowens, son of the English governess of Anna and the King of Siam fame.

- Andaz Pattaya Jomtien
- InterContinental Khao Yai Resort
- 4 Anantara Chiang Mai Resort
- 5 Banvan Tree Phuket
- 6 Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai
- 7 Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve 8 Four Seasons Resort Koh
- Samui 9 Six Senses Yao Noi
- 10 Banyan Tree Samui

Bangkok's 101 suites and villas make for a discreet urban retreat where guests linger over breakfast on the waterside terrace. Thoughtful touches include "Capella Curates," a selection of cultural experiences designed as a way to get under the skin of the Thai capital.

- Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok
- The St. Regis Bangkok
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River
- 5 Kimpton Maa-Lai Bangkok
- 6 Park Hyatt Bangkok
- 7 Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel
- 8 Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok
- 9 Waldorf Astoria Bangkok
- 10 Rosewood Bangkok

are beautifully landscaped, with a 15-meter-tall green wall by the swimming pool. Other highlights include wellmaintained guest suites, good butler service, and

- RCA VOTER TAN SINSADUAK, ON 137 PILLARS HOUSE CHIANG MAI

delicious food."

VIETNAM (RESORT)

- InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort Backed by the lush slopes of the Son Tra Peninsula nature reserve, this Bill Bensley-designed property cascades down a hillside to a private bay on Vietnam's central coast. Guests can join the resident zoologist on a guided trek to spot rare red-shanked douc langurs or learn how to row a traditional basket boat. Another draw? Dinners at La Maison 1888, the only restaurant in Vietnam conceived by legendary French chef Pierre Gagnaire.
- JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay Resort & Spa
- Amanoi
- 4 Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai, Hoi An
- 5 Anantara Mui Ne Resort
- 6 InterContinental Phu Quoc Long Beach Resort
- 7 Regent Phu Quoc
- 8 Banyan Tree Lang Co
- 9 Anantara Quy Nhon Villas
- 10 Zannier Hotels Bãi San Hô

VIETNAM (CITY HOTELS)

- Capella Hanoi Another Bill Benslev creation, Capella Hanoi is replete with art nouveau and art deco flourishes
- alongside a theatrical theme inspired by its proximity to the city's iconic opera house. The top-floor Opera Suites come with private terraces overlooking the leafy neighborhood, while downstairs, updated northern Vietnamese dishes are the star at signature
- InterContinental Hanoi Westlake

restaurant Backstage.

- Park Hvatt Saigon
- 4 Sofitel Legend Metropole
- 5 Le Méridien Saigon
- 6 Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers
- 7 Hôtel Des Arts Saigon -MGallery
- 8 Caravelle Saigon
- 9 Lotte Hotel Hanoi
- 10 Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi -MGallery

eaders choice awards

Bangkok is back this year as the region's favorite city, followed closely by Japan's ever-captivating capital. But when it comes to island destinations, Bali remains the top choice, as it's done since the debut of these awards back in 2006.

- 1 Bangkok
- 2 Tokyo
- 3 Singapore
- 4 Kuala Lumpur
- 5 Hong Kong
- 6 Seoul
- 7 Sydney8 Shanghai
- 9 Taipei
- 10 Ho Chi Minh City





ISLANDS

- 1 Bali, Indonesia
- 2 Maldives
- 3 Phuket, Thailand
- 4 Koh Samui, Thailand5 Boracay, Philippines
- 6 Phu Quoc, Vietnam
- 7 Langkawi, Malavsia
- 8 Penang, Malaysia
- 9 Palawan, Philippines
- 10 Lombok, Indonesia

"As cities go, the Thai capital really is the best of everything: sights, sounds, cuisine, people, hotels."

- RCA VOTER NICK WAVE ON BANGKOK **AIRPORTS**

- 1 Singapore Changi Airport
- 2 Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok
- 3 Hong Kong International Airport
- Ngurah Rai International Airport, Bali
- 5 Hamad International Airport, Doha
- 6 Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, Jakarta
- 7 Haneda Airport, Tokyo
- 8 Istanbul Airport
- **9** Kuala Lumpur International Airport
- 10 Shanghai Pudong International Airport

AIRLINES OVERALL

- 1 Singapore Airlines
- 2 Emirates
- 3 Thai Airways
- 4 Qatar Airways
- 5 Cathay Pacific
- 6 Garuda Indonesia
- 7 Malaysia Airlines
- 8 Japan Airlines
- 9 Qantas
- 10 Turkish Airlines

FIRST & BUSINESS CLASS

- 1 Singapore Airlines
- 2 Emirates
- 3 Thai Airways
- 4 Cathay Pacific
- 5 Qatar Airways
- 6 Japan Airlines7 Malaysia Airlines
- 8 Etihad
- 9 Air France
- 10 All Nippon Airways

ECONOMY CLASS

- Singapore Airlines
- 2 Emirates
- 3 Thai Airways
- 4 Cathay Pacific
- 5 Qatar Airways
- 6 Garuda Indonesia
- 7 Qantas
- 8 Japan Airlines
- 9 Malaysia Airlines
- 10 Turkish Airlines

IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

- 1 Singapore Airlines
- 2 Emirates
- 3 Cathay Pacific
- 4 Qatar Airways
- 5 Thai Airways
- 6 Qantas
- 7 Japan Airlines
- 8 Air France9 Garuda Indonesia
- 10 Turkish Airlines

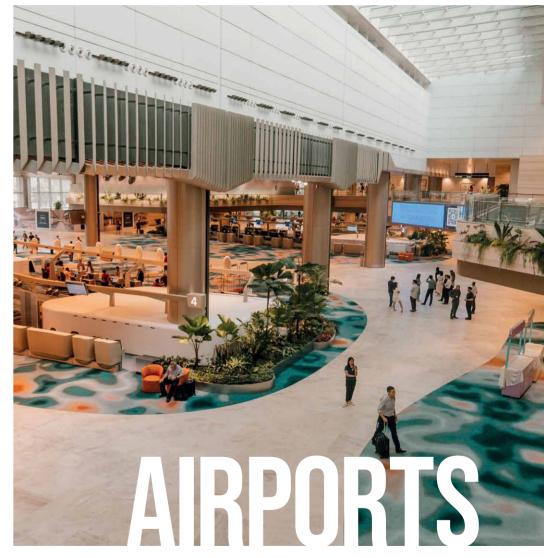
- FREQUENT FLIER PROGRAMS
- 1 KrisFlyer, Singapore Airlines
- 2 Emirates Skywards, Emirates
- 3 Royal Orchid Plus, Thai Airways
- 4 Asia Miles, Cathay Pacific
- 5 Privilege Club, Qatar Airways
- 6 Enrich, Malaysia Airlines
- 7 GarudaMiles, Garuda
- Indonesia

 8 Flying Blue, Air France
- Executive Club, British Airways
- 10 Qantas Frequent Flyer

LOW-COST AIRLINES

- 1 AirAsia
- 2 Bangkok Airways
- з Citilink
- 4 Scoot
- 5 Batik Air

Below: The departure hall at Singapore Changi Airport's revamped Terminal 2. Opposite, from top: A river taxi passing Wat Arun on the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok; rice terraces in Bali



& AIRLINES

Now with its revitalized and expanded Terminal 2, Singapore's Changi Airport continues to be DestinAsian readers' aviation hub of choice. Singapore Airlines has retained its top position too across all but one of the categories in our airline poll.

54 DESTINASIAN

CRUISE LINES

The outlook for largeship cruising in the region continues to look good, with Royal Caribbean — readers' favorite cruise line for four years running planning to homeport two of its most popular vessels in Asia later this year.

- 1 Royal Caribbean International
- 2 Carnival Cruise Line
- 3 Resorts World Cruises
- 4 Princess Cruises
- 5 Celebrity Cruises

"The clifftop location on Bali's southern coast is stunning. but it's the friendly staff who are the soul of this property."

> - RCA VOTER LUH TIAWATI ONBULGARIRESORTBALI



LUXE LODGINGS

Below: The Lounge at

Resort Maldives at

Landaa Giraavaru.

Aman Tokyo. Opposite:

A Three Bedroom Water Suite at Four Seasons

> BOUTIQUE HOTELS

> > Small is a big plus at these more modest-size properties, each of which comes with less than 100 rooms. This year's standouts — divided between city hotels and resorts — all get top marks for their personalized service, more intimate character, and deeper connections to their respective locales.

(RESORT)

- 1 Bulgari Resort Bali
- 2 Capella Ubud, Bali
- 3 Alila Villas Uluwatu
- 4 Raffles Bali
- 5 137 Pillars House Chiang Mai
- 6 Banyan Tree Samui
- 7 The Legian Seminyak, Bali
- 8 Aman Kyoto
- 9 Banyan Tree Krabi
- 10 Amanjiwo

- 1 Aman Tokvo
- 2 The Siam Hotel Bangkok
- 3 Bulgari Hotel Tokyo
- 4 137 Pillars Suites & Residences Bangkok
- 5 Villa Samadhi Kuala Lumpur
- 6 The Bulgari Hotel Shanghai
- 7 Capella Shanghai
- 8 Muii Hotel Ginza
- 9 Hotel Fort Canning Singapore
- 10 Hoshinoya Tokyo



Four Seasons remains the top hotel brand when it comes to leisure stays, while The Ritz-Carlton excelled in the business category. Ascott The Residence, meanwhile, landed once again at the number-one spot among serviced residence operators.

HOTEL BRANDS FOR LEISURE

- 1 Four Seasons
- 2 InterContinental
- 3 Capella
- 4 The Ritz-Carlton 5 Banyan Tree
- 6 Anantara
- 7 Shangri-La
- 8 Aman
- 9 Grand Hvatt 10 Raffles

HOTEL BRANDS FOR BUSINESS

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton
- 2 InterContinental
- 3 St. Regis
- 4 Shangri-La
- 5 Four Seasons
- 6 Raffles
- 7 Hilton
- 8 Kempinski
- 9 Fairmont
- 10 Grand Hyatt

SERVICED **RESIDENCE BRANDS**

- 1 Ascott The Residence
- 2 Marriott Executive Apartments
- 3 Oakwood
- 4 Pan Pacific Serviced Suites
- 5 Somerset Serviced Residence
- 6 Parkroyal Serviced Suites
- 7 Frasers Hospitality
- 8 K11 Artus
- 9 Citadines
- 10 Oaks Hotels, Resorts & Suites