

Dusit International signs to manage new luxury hotel in Zhouzhuang, China



Dusit International, one of Thailand's foremost hotel and property development companies, has signed a hotel management agreement with Kunshan Yuanwanggu IOT Industrial Park Company Limited to manage Dusit Thani Zhouzhuang, a luxury hotel in Zhouzhuang, one of the most famous water towns in China. Phase one is anticipated to open in 2018, with phase two following in 2022.

Located in the coastal province of Jiangsu, Zhouzhuang is often referred to as 'Venice of the East' due to its distinctive network of canals, rivers and lakes, well-preserved ancient houses and bridges, and splendid water views.

Set within the Yungu Pastoral Valley, approximately 50 minutes by car from Shanghai and 40 minutes from Suzhou, the five-star Dusit Thani Zhouzhuang will comprise 30 rooms in traditional houses and 160 hotel guest rooms. The traditional houses will open next year in phase one of the development alongside an all-day-dining restaurant. The main hotel building will open in phase two and will include a main dining restaurant; a Chinese restaurant with private dining rooms; a well-equipped gym; an indoor swimming pool; and conference facilities.

The family-friendly property will also have its own Mini Golf Range, Canoe Club, Kid's Club, and Children's Farm. Zhouzhuang's main scenic spots and historical attractions that date back to the Ming and Qing dynasties are all within walking distance. Guests can also travel between the various sights aboard a traditional gondola.

"We are very proud and honoured to be given the opportunity to manage such a luxury hotel in this stunning and historic location," said Mr Lim Boon Kwee, Chief Operating Officer, Dusit International. "By exceeding guests' expectations with each and every experience, the hotel will be perfectly positioned to meet the needs of domestic and international travellers alike. We look forward to making it a resounding success."

Ms Chen Guang Zhu, Chairman of Yuanwanggu Group, said, "With its scenic location, comprehensive facilities and personalized service based on gracious hospitality, we are confident that Dusit Thani Zhouzhuang will be the town's leading hotel. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with Dusit International."

About Dusit International

Dusit International was founded in 1948 by Honorary Chairperson Thanpuying Chanut Piyaoui, whose first hotel was the Princess on Bangkok's Charoenkrung Road. Today the company is a leader in hotel management, franchising and education and comprises a unique international portfolio of distinctive hotels and resorts operating under four brands: Dusit Thani, dusitD2, DusitPrincess and Dusit Devarana.

The company currently operates 28 properties worldwide and has over 50 confirmed projects in the pipeline in key destinations such as Australia, Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, and UAE.

Dusit International also operates the signature Devarana Spa and has a fast-growing Education Division. The latter, established in 1993, comprises Dusit Thani College, which offers vocational and postgraduate hospitality degrees at campuses in Bangkok and Pattaya; and Le Cordon Bleu Dusit

Culinary School.

In 2018 Dusit will open the pioneering Dusit Hospitality Management College, a unique fully integrated hospitality school and hotel in Manila, Philippines.

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