

□ *Hong Kong, June 2005* - Hyatt International has announced Park Hyatt Saigon will open in July 2005. Situated in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City in Lam Son Square, Park Hyatt Saigon occupies a prime position overlooking the elegant Opera House, and within easy reach of the international airport, major convention centres and business district. It is within walking distance of cultural and historical sites including the Reunification Palace, HCMC's People Committee, Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon, and Ben Thanh Market.

Designed by Damansara Architects and EDC Design from Malaysia, Park Hyatt Saigon seamlessly combines the nostalgic feel of the city's French Colonial history with 21st century technology and comfort. The bright ivory building features an elegant and stylish French façade. The lobby exudes an elegant residential atmosphere, enhanced by an original antique glass ceiling panel, inspired Indochine furniture, teak wooden floors and Oriental rugs. Guests will have a wonderful view from the lobby into the Park Lounge with high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling louvered French windows, and access to the Ballroom, Opera restaurant, and the colonial-style staircase to the mezzanine floor and the Spa.

Guest rooms

The 259 guest rooms including 21 suites were designed to feel like a Vietnamese residence. Nine Park Deluxe Rooms and a Park Suite have direct pool deck access and private terrace. All guestrooms feature louvered windows, ceiling fans and soundproofed windows for extra privacy. The four-poster beds have high-quality white duvets in *fleur de lys* print, comfortable pillows, and throw cushions. An armchair and ottoman, a work desk, and framed black and white "past era" photographs complete the standard guest room. All rooms are equipped with flat screen televisions, dual line telephones, high-speed broadband Internet access, in-room safe and bath amenities arranged in a beautifully crafted bamboo box with cover.

Restaurants and Bar

Park Hyatt Saigon will have two restaurants and a lounge bar. Super Potato, a well-known Japanese interior firm was commissioned to bring a contemporary accent to both restaurants, Opera (Italian) and Square One (Vietnamese and Western).

Opera, located on the ground floor, is a casual and modern Italian restaurant featuring a large open kitchen and terrace with *fresco* dining overlooking the Opera House. The all day dining restaurant serves breakfast, homemade pasta and pizza from a wood-burning oven, meats and fish for dinner, all accompanied by fine wines from Tuscany, Veneto, Sicily, and Umbria. Featuring minimalist Super Potato touches, Opera is an interesting contrast to the Indochine motif throughout the rest of the hotel. The wall finishing is composed of decorative earth-coloured roofing tiles; white oak dining tables complimented with red and blue chairs.

Square One, a smart, atmospheric and contemporary venue is designed with colourful Vietnamese-inspired latticework and brick patterns. There are five show kitchens, offering authentic Vietnamese seafood and the best quality Western steaks. The Western Grill, Vietnamese steam and woks, a seafood counter with eight fish tanks, a dessert counter, and a juice and tea area make up the gastronomic group of kitchens. Intimate dinners can be arranged in the two private rooms or two semiprivate rooms.

Both restaurants feature large floor-to-ceiling wine racks with over 2000 bottles of international wines and *fresco* dining.

Park Lounge, located on the ground floor, is an ideal setting for small social gatherings at any time of the day. With louvered French windows, guests can enjoy uninterrupted views of the city all day in the morning over a breakfast of fine pastries, during the afternoon over High Tea served with Vietnamese-inspired treats; or in the evening, over the finest cognac or port.

The focal point of the room is a baby grand piano, where a singer and Vietnamese pianist, playing chansons and ballads, provide live entertainment in the evening. Comfortable lounge chairs, sofas, and tables are arranged like a living room, complimented by lush greenery and teak floors. The terrace faces landscaped gardens around the hotel. The bar is made of mahogany with brass accents, with a dark Emperado stone top.

Spa and Fitness Centre Xuan Spa, which means "Spring" in Vietnamese is located on the third floor offers six treatment rooms and one Vichy room, each with private showers, changing areas, and natural light. Three of the treatment rooms have a private terrace overlooking the tropical garden pool area. The spa features Comfort Zone products from Italy, and a hair salon which also offers manicure/pedicure service.

The fitness center covers 120 sq meters (397 sq ft) and features Life Fitness cardio equipment with personal LCD television screens and headphones. A 20 metre outdoor swimming pool with water features is located next to the large Balinese inspired tropical garden.

Meeting Facilities

Park Hyatt Saigon will offer stunning banquet and meeting facilities including a pillar-less ballroom accommodating up to 500

people for social cocktail events and 450 people for theatre-style conferences. There are also four meeting rooms and two boardrooms, all fully equipped with high specification audiovisual and wireless broadband technologies. Salon I and Salon II have private terraces with natural light.

Park Hyatt Saigon represents a further step of Hyatt's development in Southeast Asia, and will also strengthen the network of the award winning Park Hyatt brand in Asia Pacific. In addition to Saigon, Hyatt has three more new Park Hyatt hotels opening in 2005: Park Hyatt Seoul (April 2005); Park Hyatt Buenos Aires and Park Hyatt Dubai (both September 2005).

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In January 2005, Global Hyatt Corporation also added an additional 143 U.S. properties to its growing portfolio with the acquisition of the upscale, limited service AmeriSuites hotel chain. These properties will be repositioned and renamed under a new Hyatt brand by early 2006.

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