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Best Business Hotels 2009: Asia / Oceania

Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel sits right in the heart of the city's business district, and is only five minutes away from the Taipei World Trade Convention and Exhibition Centre. With the unique building soaring high about the city, all rooms and suites have magnificent views across the skyline and surrounding mountains.

Address: 201 Tun Hwa South Road, Section 2

Tel: 886.2 2378 8888

Website: www.shangri-la.com/foreasternplaza

Rates: From TWS\$6,450 (€147)

Business amenities: Two meeting rooms, for eight and six (TWS\$1,600 per hour); private office with PC and massage chair; laptop hire (TWS\$350 per hour); mobile phone hire (TWS\$1,500 a day plus calls); business centre with broadband internet (TWS\$150); typing service (TWS\$300 a page).

Rooms: 420 rooms, including 53 suites. In-room complimentary wireless internet access. Executive rooms feature L'Occitane cosmetics. **Leisure:** The spa on the 40th floor offers foot and body massage, as well as a steam room and sauna. Spectacular rooftop pool with panoramic views of Taipei, hot tub, second outdoor pool and fitness centre.

Restaurants: The restaurants are some of the best in town and feature a variety of Taiwanese and Western cuisines, from creative Japanese to Italian pasta dishes. Two of the five restaurants enjoy magnificent views across Taipei. There are also three bars: the lively Li Bai lounge, the Lobby Court and the Marco Polo Lounge, which also serves afternoon tea.

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BEST BUSINESS HOTELS 2009

Once again we join forces with *Fortune* magazine to select the 50 most stylish business hotels around the globe, which our judging panel will then narrow down to ten deserving winners

Location, location, location. You've heard it before and with good reason. It remains the number one concern when today's business travellers choose a hotel for themselves and their company.

Inevitably though, price is now becoming a bigger issue. In a year when the hotel industry's capacity has increased by 2.7 per cent, the number of business travellers from September to December 2008 has decreased by about 5 per cent in the US alone. Savvy corporations are going back to hotel chains to renegotiate contracts. Business travellers are also asking for extra amenities such as complimentary valet parking, wireless internet, fitness clubs, room upgrades and deep discounts on extra nights.

Today's business traveller is looking for a lot more than a trouser press and a decent breakfast. This is why 'bleisure', or the blurring of business and leisure, is such an essential concept. The boutique hotel is becoming the new business hotel; the hotel lobby is the new meeting room. And as hotels focused on gyms in the 1980s and on spas in the 1990s, they are now starting to pay attention to culture >>

Pearl Lam ▶ Gallery owner

Ever since she opened her first gallery, Contrasts, in Hong Kong in the early 1990s, Pearl Lam has proved a major force in the ever-expanding Chinese design scene, promoting emerging artists and designers across the country. Now, with galleries in Shanghai and Beijing, as well as homes in China and London, the Hong Kong native has affirmed her global standing in the contemporary art world.



The judges

Our dream team of jet-setters
will pick the cream of the crop



and pleasure, offering communal tables, live concerts and exhibitions.

'Lifestyle hotels', which often are part of new, hipper brands such as W Hotel, Aloft, Park Hyatt or Andaz, are also a welcome innovation. Created by larger hotel chains such as Starwood or Hyatt, they are designed to pull in and build relationships with a younger audience.

From a design standpoint, the biggest change is in the hotels' business centres. Most have been hoisted out of the basement (something women CEOs have been requesting for years) and placed above ground; some even offer views. Contemporary business centres now more closely resemble internet cafes than tired rooms with dull meeting tables. Computer concierges, personal assistants and translation services are becoming the rule rather than the exception.

So to select the best new, or newly revamped, business-friendly hotels that have opened doors since March 2008, we have joined forces with *Fortune* for the second time. Our list has a strong emphasis on the US, Europe and China, while our ten selected judges come from every sector of the business world and are of course incredibly well travelled.

Even with less generous expense accounts, you can find a hotel to make you happy. Remember, it's a buyer's market so be bold and dare to ask for something different. Let creativity be part of your business and yourself. ★

Yves Behar ▲

Designer and founder, Fuseproject

San Francisco-based Yves Behar is one of the most important industrial designers of his generation. Heading Fuseproject studio since 1999, he is known for high-tech, innovative and sustainable designs and has received many awards, including the Index: Design to Improve Life 'Community' award for his role in creating 'XO' better known as the \$100 laptop.

Kevin Carrigan ►

Creative director, CK Calvin Klein

The creative director of CK Calvin Klein and Calvin Klein Jeans, Kevin Carrigan has consistently proven himself to be one of fashion's driving forces. An international trendsetter, the Englishman has been an integral part of the Calvin Klein powerhouse for over ten years. He is responsible for maintaining the brand's global design aesthetic and has managed to bring a fresh outlook to one of the world's most revered labels.



Chuck Porter ▲

Co-chairman, Crispin Porter + Bogusky

Chuck Porter has overseen his advertising agency's development into one of the top creative shops in the world, with clients ranging from Microsoft to Burger King. In addition to his role at Crispin Porter + Bogusky (CP+B), Porter is also chief strategist for MDC Partners, CP+B's parent company. A native of Minneapolis, he constantly travels between offices in Miami, Boulder, Los Angeles, Toronto and London.



Raphaël Le Masne de Chermont ▲
Executive chairman, Shanghai Tang

The executive chairman of Shanghai Tang since 2001, Raphaël Le Masne de Chermont has helped define contemporary Chinese chic. This Asia veteran has more than 20 years experience in the luxury goods sector; his specialities include fashion, accessories, home furnishings and tailoring services. He oversees more than 35 Shanghai Tang boutiques around the world and spends many hours flying back and forth between Shanghai, New York and Paris.



Damien Deroncourt ▲
CEO, John Hardy

Damien Deroncourt is the driving force behind John Hardy's evolution into a global luxury brand. He oversees the jewellery company's international team of 1,400 people across Hong Kong, Bali, Bangkok and New York. He is also leading the charge to ensure that John Hardy is a pioneer in the area of local culture, preservation and sustainability. A French native, Deroncourt has been living in Hong Kong for more than a decade.

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Chris Bangle ▲
Former head of design, BMW

In his 16-year tenure as design overlord of the Bavarian giant, Bangle tore up the rule book and eschewed clinical German modernism in favour of a sculptural visual language. Springing from a combination of his own passion for shaping solids into works of art and the evolving technology of the design studio and production line, BMW's new design era has coincided with the company's global expansion. Currently setting up his own design agency, Bangle has an acute eye for international brand language, visual harmony and the forms of the future.

Gabrielle Schooley ◀
US business director, Moët & Chandon

Gabrielle Schooley travels constantly in her role as Moët & Chandon's US business director, overseeing all aspects of the US operation, including commercial, marketing and communications. Prior to this, she was in the marketing department of L'Oréal's professional products division, Redken. Born in Beijing, she now lives in New York City with her husband.



Elizabeth Blau ▲

Founder and CEO, Blau and Associates

Elizabeth Blau has a food service career spanning more than 25 years. Based in Las Vegas, she is a partner in three popular local restaurants, including Society at the Encore resort, and has a highly successful restaurant consulting firm specialising in providing sound business advice for those hoping to create top-notch food and beverage concepts; all this keeps her on the road. A member of numerous boards and associations, Blau appears regularly on Food Network's *Iron Chef America* and has received various awards for her work.



Ulrik Garde Due ▲

CEO, Georg Jensen

Georg Jensen's CEO, Ulrik Garde Due, has an assured take on contemporary style and a deep knowledge of the luxury industry. He has more than 15 years of experience working for international fashion houses in Paris, Tokyo and New York – including an instrumental role in the reinvention of the Burberry brand.



For full reviews and contact details of the 50 shortlisted hotels, visit www.wallpaper.com

THE SHORTLIST

AMERICA

Canada

01. Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver
www.shangri-la.com/vancouver

Mexico

02. Distrito Capital, Mexico City
www.hoteldistritoecapital.com

United States

03. Mandarin Oriental, Boston
www.mandarinoriental.com/boston
04. The Allerton Hotel, Chicago
www.theallertonhotel.com
05. The Joule, Dallas
www.luxurycollection.com/jouel
06. The Kahala Hotel & Resort, Honolulu
www.kahalaresort.com
07. Encore Wynn, Las Vegas
www.encorelasvegas.com
08. The London West Hollywood, Los Angeles
www.thelondonwesthollywood.com
09. Montage Beverly Hills, Los Angeles
www.montagebeverlyhills.com
10. SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills, Los Angeles
www.slshotel.com
11. Mondrian South Beach, Miami
www.mondrian-miami.com
12. Viceroy, Miami
www.viceroymiami.com
13. The Mark, New York
www.themarkhotel.com
14. Morgans, New York
www.morganshotel.com
15. The Standard, New York
www.standardhotels.com/new-york-city
16. Sè, San Diego
www.sesandiego.com
17. Hotel Frank, San Francisco
www.hotelfranksf.com
18. Four Seasons Hotel, Seattle
www.fourseasons.com/seattle

EUROPE

Belgium

19. Kempinski Hotel Dukes' Palace, Bruges
www.kempinski-bruges.com

Czech Republic

20. Kempinski Hybernská Prague
www.kempinski-prague.com

France

21. Mama Shelter, Paris
www.mamashelter.com

Germany

22. The George Hotel, Hamburg
www.thegeorge-hotel.de

Italy

23. Four Seasons Hotel, Florence
www.fourseasons.com/florence

Luxembourg

24. Albert Premier Hotel, Luxembourg
www.albertpremier.lu

Netherlands

25. Citizen M Hotel, Amsterdam
www.citizenm.com

Spain

26. Me Barcelona
www.me-barcelona.com

Switzerland

27. The Dolder Grand, Zurich
www.doldergrand.ch

Turkey

28. Four Seasons Hotel – Bosphorus, Istanbul
www.fourseasons.com/bosphorus

29. Park Hyatt, Istanbul
www.istanbul.park.hyatt.com

United Kingdom

30. Boundary, London
www.theboundary.co.uk

31. St James's Hotel and Club, London
www.stjamesclubandhotel.co.uk

MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA

Israel

32. Hotel Montefiore, Tel Aviv
www.hotelmontefiore.co.il

South Africa

33. Cape Grace, Cape Town
www.capegrace.com

ASIA/OCEANIA

Australia

34. InterContinental The Rialto, Melbourne
www.ichotelsgroup.com

China

35. The Emperor, Beijing
www.designhotels.com/theemperor
36. The Opposite House, Beijing
www.theoppositehouse.com
37. Park Hyatt, Beijing
www.beijing.park.hyatt.com
38. Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Macau
www.fourseasons.com/macao
39. Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16, Macau
www.sofitel.com
40. Sofitel Wanda, Ningbo
www.sofitel.com
41. Park Hyatt, Shanghai
www.shanghai.park.hyatt.com
42. Swissôtel Grand, Shanghai
www.swissotel.com/shanghai
43. Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen
www.shangri-la.com/futian
44. The Ritz-Carlton, Shenzhen
www.ritzcarlton.com/shenzhen
45. Kempinski Hotel, Suzhou
www.kempinski-suzhou.com
46. Shangri-La Hotel, Wenzhou
www.shangri-la.com/wenzhou

India

47. Vivanta by Taj, Bangalore
www.tajhotels.com

Indonesia

48. Hotel Indonesia Kempinski, Jakarta
www.kempinski-jakarta.com

Japan

49. Shangri-La Hotel, Tokyo
www.shangri-la.com/tokyo

Taiwan

50. Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel, Taipei
www.shangri-la.com/foreastern