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At the helm of the creative vision for Capella Hotels & Resorts Vietnamese debut, Bensley conjures up a showstopping celebration of opera from days gone by that sits seamlessly in the present

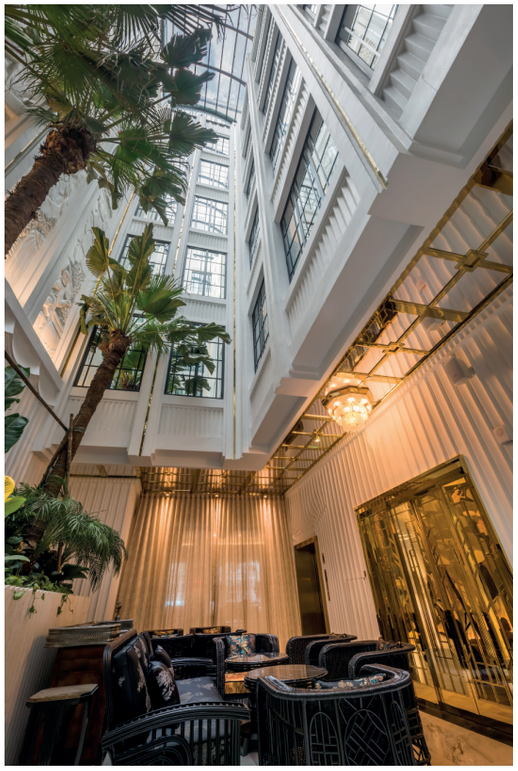
Capella Hanoi is dreamt up by illustrious architect, Bill Bensley, to be an "une petite auberge" during opera's halcyon days. Just mere steps away from the iconic Hanoi Opera House, this coveted palace of revelry is, what could have been, the rendezvous spot for opera's greatest artists, singers, composers, stage and costume designers after the final curtain call. Within the characteristic 47-room hotel are thematic suites surprising discerning discoverers with a potpourri of original memorabilia salvaged from the glorious era, a romantic view of Hoan Kiem, epicurean choices by culinary craftsmen and curation of Daily Rituals and Programming revealing Hanoi's treasures.

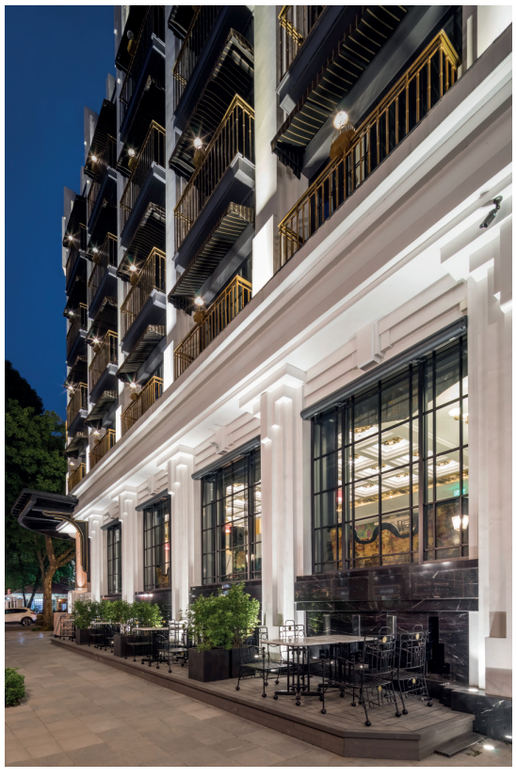
As you enter Capella Hanoi, you leave the present behind and discover a world of spellbinding elegance. Capella Hanoi nestles on a peaceful boulevard along Hoàn Kim Lake, in the city's French-influenced Old Quarter, ushering in a new era of art and elegance in the heart of Vietnam's vibrant capital. Just steps away from famous spectacles: Hanoi Opera House, Hoan Kiem Lake and Old Quarter, travellers can always be on hand to unearth the real essence of the city and unveil the intricacies of Vietnam's rich culture.

Paying tribute to legendary performances, actors and designers, each of the 47 suites presents a symphonic composition, trumpeting the wonderful tales of the mischievous opera society that could have passed through our doors over the past 150 years. The story is told with over a thousand pieces of original opera memorabilia, set designs and custom portraiture art by the incredible Kate Spencer. The top floor is anchored by 4 Opera Suites, each fitted with a spacious alfresco terrace boasting a breath-taking view of luscious greenery.

Specially reserved for Capella Hanoi guests throughout the day, The Living Room invites guests to get lost in a collection of famous literary titles while savouring comestible delights inspired by recipes from the 1920s. When the sun goes down, the salon becomes part of the Diva's Lounge, allowing guests to carouse and celebrate life with city dwellers of Hanoi. By night, the sophisticated art-deco lounge evokes the buzzing spirit of Grand Operas with an adjoining terrace for you to watch life passing by. The hotel's mixologists hand-craft each creative libation to transport you back to the magical era, including Opera Punches and Signature Diva Cocktails reminiscence of famous artists and stars who have their home in Capella Hanoi. Accompanying the library of tipples are gourmet pastries and Vietnamese inspired tapas that are artfully arranged for a tantalising visual feast.

At The Hudson Rooms, every present moment is an opportunity to revisit past expressions of craft and artistry in the 1920s - the golden age of glamour - through art décor sophistication inspired by the famous Grand station. Guided by an innovative sense of curation and a taste for exploration, The Hudson Rooms transforms the seemingly ordinary into delightful journeys for guests. Be ready to immerse in the explosive flavour of unprecedented oysters and whiskey pairing at Oysters and Whiskey bar or savour intimate conversations over elevated Bistro style with utterly upscale Caviar appetizers. Every occasion at The Hudson Rooms is a playful toast to the legacy and electric atmosphere of New York City in the 1920s. The Hudson Rooms invites guests to indulge in top-class mixology while being mesmerized by the amazing sunset in Hanoi in the dusk and dawn times before immersing in the signature daily rituals and ▶





menus and stepping on the red carpet rolled out to travel back in time. Welcome to the roaring 20s!

Hidden below the historic quarter of Hanoi lies Koki - a House of Senses dedicated to Japanese culinary arts, exclusively for those who desire to dine in an immersive hideaway. Koki is meticulously appointed as private rooms, an intimate living hall, and a progressive sake parlour, each room exhibiting craft through a culinary lens that invites thought and conversation. At the heart of the house is Teppan by Yoshida, the chef's table limited to just 14 seats where all of the passion and mastery converge as a singular personalized experience. Immerse yourself in a handpicked curation of Japanese spirits and specially blended signature Sake at Sasa - a progressive Sake bar or experience a taste of Japanese culture through a seasonal program which curates literature, art and ceremonies in engaging ways that go beyond your plate.

Endowed by murals and costumes of opera artists, Backstage reminisces the exclusive offstage experience in opera houses. Seize the day with a specially curated breakfast, with a stylish mod bar serving single-origin coffee. Highlighted by Vietnam's finest, sometimes forgotten, seasonal ingredients, Josper-grilled meat and seafood, as well as nourishing vegan creations, a bold touch is given to Northern Vietnamese cuisine through the use of local artisan produce and modern culinary techniques. The evening's multi-course dinner is a composition of intricate delights, presented in four acts.

Melding Vietnamese design elements with a theatrical atmosphere, Capella Hanoi's Auriga Spa features stunning Vietnamese imperial decor. The regal spa pairs traditional Vietnamese techniques with Auriga's award-winning holistic treatments and champion natural products reflecting the varying energies of the lunar cycle. Discover rejuvenation at La Grotta, the indoor pool that's creatively designed to resemble a haven for opera singers to rest their voices.

SUPPLIERS & INFO

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