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CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP UNVEILS CAPELLA SANYA ON CHINA'S TROPICAL HAINAN ISLAND

***Exclusive private sanctuary inspired by fabled Maritime Silk
Road***



(Sanya, November 1, 2018) – Capella Hotel Group today unveiled their first beach resort in China, Capella Sanya, on the southern tropical island of Hainan.

Capella Sanya is one of the hospitality industry's most-anticipated resort openings of 2018 – inspired by the fabled history of China's ancient Maritime Silk Road and designed as a “collaborative art piece” by visionary ‘architects’ Jean-Michel Gathy and Bill Bensley. The private sanctuary amid lush gardens overlooking the South China Sea at Blessed Bay promises to “set a new benchmark for China's luxury beach resorts”.

A milestone ceremony marked the ‘handover’ from Chinese developer China Gezhouba Group Real Estate to Capella Hotel Group, one of the world's pre-eminent luxury brands – with online booking available at www.capellahotels.com/en/capella-sanya.

Capella Sanya features 190 of the island's most luxurious rooms, suites and villas, from ocean-front and garden rooms to grand ocean and garden suites, one-to-four bedroom pool villas and a prestigious 440sqm chairman's penthouse.

Styling by the two world-renowned resort designers is inspired by the fabled history of China's ancient Maritime Silk Road through south-east Asia, India, the Middle East and Africa from the 2nd-century BCE to the 15th century.

The trade route is referenced from elegant, natural, oriental grand design to venues, menus, décor and detailing.

Restaurants, bars and lounges serve distinctive specialties immersing guests in the culinary cultures, flavours and spices along the fabled seafaring trade network.

Under a distinctive traditional red roof styled after a traditional Chinese teahouse, modern Cantonese restaurant *Lan Ting* celebrates tea, a key Chinese export of the era, on menus and in ancient ceremonies. *Silk Road* presents daily menus inviting guests to visit different culinary destinations, from the Mediterranean and Middle East to India, Singapore and Thailand. *The Library & Library Bar* serves snacks and cocktails inspired by spices, herbs and ingredients along the voyages; and tropical chic pool and beach restaurant *The Dempsey* celebrates comfort food, spices and fruits from Asia to Europe.

AURIGA spa, the group's award-winning wellness brand, is a serene 4,020sqm sanctuary for holistic pampering marking the debut of Hainan's first authentic 'Hamman' – and also the region's first Snow Cabin for an invigorating wintry experience amid Hainan's year-round tropical warmth.

Over 2,000sqm of meeting and function facilities including a ballroom cater for wedding and events of up to 400 guests, banquet style, at a collection of unique indoor and outdoor venues.

Personal Assistants also provide curated experiences arranging personally-tailored itineraries for guests.

"With the combined creative genius of Jean-Michel Gathy and Bill Bensley, Capella Sanya guests will enjoy a variety of meticulously crafted experiences on a themed journey across the New Silk Road as we set a prestigious new benchmark for luxury resorts in China," said Capella Sanya general manager Yngvar Stray.

Capella Sanya is 45 minutes from Sanya Phoenix International Airport, and 15 minutes from Sanya Duty Free Mall.

Capella Sanya is Capella Hotel Group's first beach resort and second hotel in China, after Capella Shanghai, joining a global portfolio of the finest hotels and resorts in the

world in Singapore, Ubud (Bali), Düsseldorf, Bangkok (2019), the Maldives (2020) and Sydney (2021).

THE LEGEND OF TUFU BAY

Capella Sanya not only pays homage to the ancient Maritime Silk Road. Its location in secluded TuFu Bay, on Hainan's southern coast, is part of the legend.

China's southernmost island was a major transit point as the first (or last) port of call for seafarers to and from China trading in merchandise from silk, porcelain and lacquerware to spices, rosewood and Lingnan-style bronzeware.

And it was here, in the 14th century, that Persian traders reputedly sheltered from a devastating typhoon. Ultimately, they earned a fortune from their precious cargo and named their haven 'Blessed Bay', translating to TuFu Bay in Chinese, in gratitude for their lucky escape from calamity.

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About Capella Hotel Group

Capella Hotel Group, headquartered in Singapore with offices in China, Europe and USA, offers global hospitality management services through two distinct brands. Capella Hotels and Resorts is an ultra-luxury hotel, resort and residential concept designed for the most discerning travellers and offering personalized attention with locations in Düsseldorf, Saint Lucia, Shanghai and Singapore as well as hotels planned for Ubud, Bangkok, Maldives and Sydney. Solis Hotels and Resorts, is an exclusive collection of resorts, hotels and residences designed for travelers and meeting planners who seek an environment with a global palette of cosmopolitan comfort, inspiring cuisine, world-class spas with locations in Donegal, Ireland; Nanjing, China and Atlanta, USA along with hotels planned for Bali and Guangzhou. Learn more at www.capellahotelgroup.com

About China Gezhouba Group Real Estate Development Co., Ltd

China Gezhouba Group Real Estate is under the China Gezhouba Group Co. Ltd. It is the pioneer in real estate developments and is one of the first State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) identified 16 real estate companies. It is a large state-owned firm with assets in hydro-power generation, infrastructure and real estate. The company is active in both domestic and overseas markets. Learn more at <http://en.gzbfdc.com/>

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