New hotel openings for 2015

Opening in March, Sanctuary Inle Resort is a 95-room resort on Myanmar’s famed Inle Lake, gateway to some of Asia’s most fascinating markets, distinctive pagodas and remarkable stupas. Owned and operated by the same group behind perennial ‘T+L 500’ selection La Residence Hotel & Spa in Hue, Vietnam, the resort inspires contemplation through its off-the-beaten-path location and architectural flourishes that invoke monastic traditions.

Also in MARCH, the Grand Hyatt Taipei concludes a landmark renovation that took all 853 rooms and suites down to their concrete bones. All nine of the hotel’s restaurants and bars, its meetings spaces and club facilities are likewise beneficiaries of an extreme makeover. “This renovation is really a rebuild,” said Kai Speth, the hotel’s general manager. “Once the work is done, the hotel will have the unique distinction of becoming the oldest and the newest luxury hotel in Taipei.” First opened in 1990, the Grand Hyatt Taipei commands a prominent location at the base of Taipei 101, the world’s tallest skyscraper from 2004 to 2010.

Opening in MAY, The Chedi Club Jimbaran is a private estate nestled amidst 22,000 square meters of tranquil grounds in the southern region of Bali. Comprised of 34 butler-serviced pool villas, each is equipped with its own private pool, in-room dining service, a full kitchen, a Balinese pavilion for al fresco meals and barbecues. Villas range from 1-3 bedrooms, along with The Estate, 4,000 square meters of seduced indoor and outdoor living space with multiple pavilions, four bedrooms, and a 15-meter personal pool. The resort’s spaces are the creation of Robert Nation, principal of Nation Architects, and Jaya Ibrahim, one of Indonesia’s foremost interior designers. There will be all-day dining at The Restaurant, as well as an in-villa dining option, and yet another outlet by the 25-meter long U-shaped pool. The luxury resort will also feature a spa and health club to cater to guests’ wellness needs as they find rejuvenation in this secluded oasis.

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