

# Home away from home

Four opulent hotels opened in 2018 with luxury brands unveiling untold stories of exquisite décor, sumptuous cuisine, new levels of relaxation and ultimate comfort. We look at Middle House Shanghai, The Fontenay Hamburg, St Regis Cairo and Rosewood Baha Mar

## THE FONTENAY, HAMBURG

Hamburg's latest luxury hotel, The Fontenay, officially opened to guests in March, combining quite unique architecture with classic yet modern interior across 130 rooms – almost all with a balcony and full glass front.

Its 1000m<sup>2</sup> spa and wellness area redefines luxury with a 20-metre panorama infinity pool above the rooftops of Hamburg.

"I have a strong connection with my hometown of Hamburg, and I want this unique hotel to make the Hanseatic city even more attractive to visitors," says founder and owner Klaus-Michael Kühne.

In the heart of Hamburg, The Fontenay is situated on the

shores of the Aussenalster lake from which its architecture draws inspiration, comprising of three intersecting circles and embodying a sense of lakeside luxury. Guests can enjoy a varied menu in the Parkview garden restaurant, Fontenay and Lakeside gourmet restaurant, situated on the seventh floor.

"Our employees are happy to see the hotel now fill with life," said Managing Director Thies Sponholz upon its opening.

"We want to offer a natural, authentic and warm sense of hospitality. Each guest should

**Below: The Fontenay infinity pool overlooks Hamburg's Aussenalster Lake**

have their individual needs met and feel at home. In my opinion, that's the highest form of welcome."

[thefontenay.grandluxuryhotels.com](http://thefontenay.grandluxuryhotels.com)

## MIDDLE HOUSE, SHANGHAI

The latest addition to Swire Hotels' 'The House Collective' offers intimate luxury in the heart of Shanghai's bustling HKRI Taikoo Hui district.

Shanghai's spirit is palpable through The Middle House's 111 studios, gallery suite and Penthouse – all influenced by celebrated architect Piero Lissoni's sophisticated interior design. The design draws inspiration from the city's rich heritage of craftsmanship and culture,

and marries minimalist style with classical Shanghaiese elements.

"Each of our properties embraces the spirit of its home city," said Brian Williams, Deputy Chairman of Swire Hotels.

"And The Middle House exemplifies modern-day Shanghai.

"[It] is our fourth hotel in The House Collective, which welcomes world travellers who seek a luxurious yet unique and personalised experience during their stay."

A 660 sq.m top-floor two-bedroom Penthouse overlooks Shanghai's fashionable Nanjing West Road, with private terraces, a lounge and an exclusive event space with a private kitchen. ➤

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The hotel presents a range of world class dining options with Sui Tang Li its latest arrival to join Café Gray Deluxe and Frasca. Chef Tony Ye serves Chinese sharing dishes, artisan Dim Sum and a menu composed of creative and contemporary dishes influenced by Shanghainese, Sichuan and Cantonese regional cuisines.

MI XUN SPA features a heated indoor swimming pool, 24-hour gym facilities, a HYPOXI room, wellness studio and group yoga sessions. [themiddlehousehotel.com/en](http://themiddlehousehotel.com/en)

## ROSEWOOD BAHAMAR, BAHAMAS

Set on the white sands of Nassau's Cable Beach in The Bahamas, Rosewood Baha Mar is a new multi-property resort enclave of Baha Mar, featuring four signature dining venues and luxury private pools. The resort's 237 guestrooms, suites and beachfront villas epitomise

Bahamian luxury, featuring architecture and interior styling reminiscent of a relaxed island estate.

The hotel welcomes the brand's world-renowned 'Sense, A Rosewood Spa' to the pristine beaches of Nassau. Inspired by The Bahamas' natural resources, vibrant culture and wellness traditions, Sense Spa offers treatments derived from the islands' ancient healing remedies, which stem from the belief that native plants, roots and leaves have health benefits. For hundreds of years, Bahamians have been making tea from the common plants grown in their own backyards and drinking it for therapeutic and medicinal purposes. The tradition, referred to as "bush medicine" is still revered today. Sense Spa's "Lost Remedies" treatments combine this traditional practice with modern products and expertise. [rosewoodhotels.com/bahamar](http://rosewoodhotels.com/bahamar)

## ST REGIS, CAIRO

Set to open in December 2018, The St. Regis Cairo is one of almost 40 luxury hotels across eight Marriott International brands to open this year.

Drawing guests to the heart of Egypt's timeless metropolis, The St. Regis Cairo weaves a new story of luxury in this historic region. The hotel stands as a pivotal landmark with its 36 stories, gracefully designed by renowned architect Michael Graves. Paying homage to 366 lavishly appointed rooms, suites and upscale apartments, luxuriant comfort prevails with state-of-the-art facilities, signature rituals and seven thoughtfully crafted restaurants and bars.

Flavourful experience La Zisa is influenced by Sicilian-Arabic cooking, while J&G Steakhouse serves a sophisticated collection of premium meat cuts sourced from around the world. Tianma takes you on a culinary journey

to Singapore that reflects a melting pot of influences from China, India and Southeast Asia, while poolside restaurant and bar Sirocco offers a relaxing respite with stunning views of the Nile.

The St. Regis Bar & The Water Garden pays homage to the King Cole Bar; an elegant meeting point for both business and leisure, while the Water Garden is a stunning floral masterpiece backdrop, offering delicious food and refined with St. Regis rituals. [marriott.com/hotels/travel/caixr-the-st-regis-cairo](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/caixr-the-st-regis-cairo) ■



**Top left: Opulent interior design in Shanghai's Middle House**  
**Above top: A luxurious King Room at Rosewood Baha Mar in The Bahamas**  
**Above: Envy Bar at Cairo's St Regis**