

Shangri-La at the Fort opens on March 1

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The mixed-use Shangri-La at the Fort, Manila, a landmark project of the Kuok Groups' Shang Properties, is set to open on March 1, 2016 at Bonifacio Global City.

The hotel will be housed in a landmark complex with Kerry Sports Manila, the city's largest banqueting space, extensive retail brands, Shangri-La Residences and premier Horizon Homes on the top floors.

The 576-room hotel will feature five key lifestyle components — allowing guests to stay, relax, dine, shop, work out and play — in one of the tallest buildings in the Philippines.

All lifestyle components at the LEED Gold-certified Shangri-La at the Fort will be managed by Shangri-La, allowing seamless delivery of product and service, and a collaborative environment and community vibe that distinguishes it from other hotels.

“As a lifestyle complex, we look outwards, engaging and working with all the key components, not just the hotel,” said Shangri-La at the Fort general manager Manila John Rice.

He noted that “BGC is known as the home of passionate minds, and our vision is to deliver contemporary luxury in one place, where people can collaborate, discover and explore on-trend facilities in a dynamic energetic location.”

The hotel's accommodation includes four Specialty Suites, named Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and Manila. The hotel's guestrooms and suites will offer unparalleled city and bay views.

The Deluxe rooms are among the most spacious in the city, ranging from 45 to 47 square meters, and function as a place to conduct meetings or rest comfortably. All are fitted with Shangri-La amenities, free Wi-Fi and modern luxuries.

Enhancing guest experiences is Kerry Sports Manila, a first in the Philippines, with over 8,000 square meters of space for fitness and wellness seekers.

The Grand Ballroom and function rooms, totaling 21 event spaces and inspired by a jewelry box, are outfitted with Lasvit chandeliers. The Grand Ballroom is the largest space and measures 1,800 square meters.

Wrapped around the complex and facing all directions are 36 luxury retail brands while a portfolio of 14 restaurants and bars are operated in the complex: seven are hotel managed and the other seven are run by independent operators.

Meanwhile the Shangri-La Residences – a collection of 97 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments – are available for guests who prefer apartment-style living in a hotel setting, while 98 private Horizon Homes answer to those who prefer the rare luxury of space and spectacular views.