

## Hotel industry: old-time luxury and high-tech innovation

Since the end of the 19th century, Singapore has been one of the most prestigious hotel cities in Asia... A reputation that is always well deserved.

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*Hanging gardens, green towers: with the ParkRoyal on Pickering, then the Oasia Hotel, the architectural firm Woha has signed two fine examples of sustainable and tropical urban planning, adapted to the requirements of tomorrow's cities.*

Another innovative concept, the M Social, a four-star hotel with 293 rooms designed by Philippe Starck in 2016, is **the first hotel to employ a robot**, Aura, to bring a bottle of water or towels to customers. In the same vein, the new Sofitel City Center, opened in September, intends to hire within its team some "R2-D2" twenty-first century version, some of which will be called "Sofie". In this 223 rooms at the height of luxury, the goal is certainly not to reduce staff, but rather to spare their strength, for even more human attention ...