

HOK and JBI Partner on Atlantis Sanya Design

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Fosun International and Kerzner International have announced the development of the [Atlantis Sanya](#) as China's first integrated entertainment resort. Encompassing 8.5 million square feet, the property is anchored by a 48-story structure designed by [HOK](#) as its centerpiece. The curvaceous, sensual lines of the building also inform the forward-thinking interior design, which is spearheaded by New York-based [Jeffrey Beers International \(JBI\)](#).

The rich, natural splendor of the Hainan island is expressed throughout the interiors, complete with exotic furnishings accented by native hardwoods that uniquely show off dark hues, iconoclastic graining, and natural luster. Indigenous Chinese lacebark elm and purple sea fan coral are etched onto glass and bronze surfaces as well, while wide, curved passages linking lounges, ballrooms, and dining rooms are punctuated with illuminated bronze niches that also showcase work from local Chinese artists. Glass acts as another key interior fixture that culminates in the lobby's dramatic coral and underwater life. Additional public settings like the Avenues retail thoroughfare are wrapped in a palette of textured wood, polished stainless steel, marble, and terrazzo.

Numerous F&B options span the resort, chiefly the Saffron All Day Dining venue. The bright and modern space is outfitted with nine distinctive stations, as well as white marble mosaic tiles and lacquered panels to enhance visual interest beneath the dropped ceilings. The Tang Chinese Restaurant evokes sophistication with the incorporation of a textured wood ceiling and floors comprising three distinct marbles arranged in geometric patterns that offset floral motifs. Available to special guests on floors 15 and 42, the Club Lounges provide refined spaces to retreat to, set against a backdrop of plum tones. Plato's Lounge & Bar also provide stunning views with operable glass walls and pivoting screens that reveal dramatic scenes of underwater life within the property's majestic aquarium. At the pool bar, decorative mosaic tiles wrap a wall, the floors, and the circular bar's fascia that gradually transition to white from blue.

The resort's 1,300 guestrooms, including more than 150 suites—five of which are housed underwater—are crafted with a sleek modern aesthetic that mirrors the property's public spaces. Tailored details are balanced with natural materials like marble floors and warm wood. Layered aqua tones also permeate through these spaces, reminiscent of the nearby sea with custom, embroidered graphic panels adorning each headboard with an abstraction of marine life. Luxury suites overlook panoramic views of the ocean, and feature a sumptuous materiality that includes white onyx and semiprecious stone.

