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# Five-Star Asian

China has found its hotelier style, and the Swire Group offers two of the finest new boutiques.

By Lawrence Osborne



FROM TOP: COURTESY OF THE OPPOSITE HOUSE; COURTESY OF THE UPPER HOUSE



◀ **Hong Kong**  
The Upper House—the work of designer Andre Fu—has a grand, slick feel. Rooms with wraparound windows gaze onto Victoria Harbor or green hills; the magnificent bar overlooks Tsim Sha Tsui. Natural materials abound: bamboo, shoji glass, and stone.

▲ **Beijing**  
The Opposite House is a soaringly original space, with an open atrium filled with modern artwork, emerald glass windows, and a 20-meter, stainless-steel pool lit like a canoe. The rooms are equally striking: bathtubs carved out of single blocks of wood with stone basins, BaYanKaLa toiletries. Calm elegance reigns.